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MEMBERS OF THE HELP POLAND COMMITTEE of Western Mass. will be holding a kickoff dinner-dance at the Oak Ridge Country Club this Saturday evening. Committee officials present at Tuesday's strategy meeting were, from left: Edward Zdrojkowksi - chairman, Tony Strycharz - vice-president and owner and operator of Oak Ridge Country Club, Rev. Joseph Smus, Carolyn Toper - secretary, Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich, and Agawam Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

HELP POLAND Committee Slate Fund-Raiser For Oak Ridge

HELP POLAND, a group recently established by a concerned group of Western Mass. citizens over the brutal, martial law govenment in that Eastern European country, will launch a fund raising campaign with a dinner dance this Saturday night at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

All proceeds from Saturday's dinner dance will benefit the HELP POLAND Committee. The aim of the local group is to sponsor a three month fund-raising campaign to raise funds to provide food, clothing and medical supplies to allieviate the immediate needs of the people of Poland in their hour of tragedy and despair.

All shipments of food will be distributed by the Roman Catholic Church in Poland to insure that supplies reach the neediest people and are not intercepted by the martial law government.

All shipments of food and supplies will reach Poland through the Catholic Relief organization which, ironically, was formed immediately after World War II to help the people of Poland recover from 6 years of brutal Nazi rule which left much of the country in ruin.

The fund raising dinner dance at Oak Ridge Country Club, under the supervision of owner and operator **Tony Strycharz**, will be attended by many important Western Mass. figures of Polish heritage.

Agawam officials involved in Saturday's affair include Strycharz, Chief of Police **Stanley Chmielewski**; Polish American Club President **Bernie Szcgiel**; and club officials **Edward Blasak** and **Henry Drewnowski**.

Area officers of the HELP POLAND committee includes Carolyn & Joseph Topor of Chicopee; Henry Lenart, also of Chicopee; and Edward Zdrojkowski, of West Springfield.

Tickets for Saturday's affair will be $20 per person. Polish bands will provide the entertainment. For ticket information, contact Oak Ridge Country Club (786-5886) or the Polish National Credit Union in Chicopee (592-9495). Oak Ridge can seat some 550 people.

Reservations may be made by sending a check payable to HELP POLAND/Dinner/care-of Polish National Credit Union at 244 Exchange Street, Chicopee, MA 01013. Prepaid tickets will be held at the door or returned to you if you enclose a stamp self-addressed envelope.

Officials from the HELP POLAND committee note that the Polish citizens need even items such as soap and sugar which most Americans take for granted.

The Western Mass group will be holding a benefit concern and a telethon during their fund-raising drive.

Consensus Favors Change In Speak Policy

By Joanne Brown

An informal consensus of the School Committee Tuesday evening favored sweeping revisions in the current policy governing citizen speak time. All three newcomers to the board supported the changes along with chairman Rosemary Sandlin. Longtime members Jessie Fuller, Roberta Doering, and Walter Balboni opposed.

Discussion on this issue took place in the Junior High School cafeteria, the board's newly designated location used for the first time instead of the cramped conference room near the Superintendent's office.

Raymond Saracino presented three revisions to current speak-time policy, explaining his desire to make board members more accessible to the electorate.

He first proposed shortening the length of time required for written request to be on the agenda from five working days to three. He then sought extension of time allowed in which to address the board from five minutes to ten in order to accommodate his last suggestion of allowing questions be asked of individual board members through the chairman.

Donald Charest strongly endorsed Saracino's latter two changes, but took the first even further and recommended eliminating the requirement for written notice entirely.

"People don't schedule problems," Charest said. "The public should be able to come to us with pertinent issues without any prior notice, provided they have gone through previous contact with principal or superintendent as may be needed."

Charest added that he would not hesitate to admit he needed time to research a particular question or to tell an individual that he should "go through channels" on a certain issue before addressing the board.

Saracino applauded Charest's suggestion, saying he had made a "conservative recommendation" but actually preferred eliminating the notice requirement entirely.

Longtime Members Oppose Changes

Veteran board member Roberta Doering expressed "concern" with the suggestion for opening dialogue between an individual and the board.

"Sometimes an individual board member may express an opinion that is his own, but which may be taken to represent that of the entire committee," she explained.

Jessie Fuller also expressed "reservations" with this aspect as well as with that of eliminating the need for prior written notice. She said she preferred knowing what was to come before her at meetings so she could gather background information.

Walter Balboni said he has always favored a posted agenda.

Mrs. Sandlin instructed board members to collaborate on a revised policy reflecting the consensus and present it at their next meeting on February 9th. The revised policy will require approval at three readings to take effect.

Paleologopoulos Calls For 2 1/2 Vote

By Stuart Parker

A call for discussion concerning a possible override of Proposition 2 1/2 has been placed on the Town Council agenda by Precinct 5 councilor Paul Paleologopoulos for Monday's meeting at the Public Library.

The Commonwealth has devised a multitude of referendums towns may offer voters to increase taxes and whether the town's tax rate is above or below the mandates of 2 1/2.

According to state officials, the overrides which are the focus of the upcoming council discussion fall into two main categories; 1) . To increase the tax levy (rate) from 2 1/2 percent to 5 percent which will require ten votes of the fifteen member Town Council to place it on the ballot. The measure will require a majority vote by the electorate for passage.

2) To increase the tax levy beyond 5 percent of assessed property valuations. This will require 10 votes of Town Council and 2/3 vote of the electorate to become local law.

Paleologopoulos, asked if he felt Agawam voters who supported 2 1/2 by a 2-1 margin would favor higher taxation, replied, "I believe they may if their new tax bills are lower than last year's."

However, Town Manager Edward A. Caba and Town Assessor Jean Goss are anticipating greater tax revenues this year coming into the town than were gained last year.

Nonetheless, Paleologopoulos cited built-in municipal salary increases of approximately 3 percent and the possibility of union negotiated increases ranging between 6 and 7 percent as reasons for a Proposition 2 1/2 override.

"If our municipal salaries increase beyond our increases in taxes, we'll have to cut the budget." he

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School Officials Whittle Budget To $7.4 Million

By Joanne Brown

School Department officials presented an overview of their request for a budget totalling $7, 415,000 for the next fiscal year at last Tuesday's meeting. This figure is down more than a half million dollars from their initial, uncut version unveiled two weeks ago.

At a meeting attended by Town Council School Budget Subcommittee members Andrew Gallano and Benjamin Lockhart, School Business Manager James Coon explained that the budget does not include any provision for teacher salary increases, though the department's contract with the Agawam Education Association expires this year and is up for renegotiation.

Coon stated that he submitted his budget in a manner similar to other town departments which do not include employee' raises yet to be negotiated. His initial presentation figure of $8.1 million had included, at the request of School Committee members, total requests from all departments. They then asked administrators to report back with cuts they recommended.

The $7.4 million total reflects the elimination of 9½ teaching positions, 6½ at the elementary level due to declining enrollment and three others that have been vacated this year and will not be replaced.
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According to statements made by Coon, the town probably won't "have a good handle" on how much money it will accumulate through taxes and funds forthcoming from the State until May.

Coon pointed out to board members that each account must be carefully weighed so that every budget item is justifiable educationally to the Town Council.

Intensive budget deliberations are scheduled to begin at the board's next meeting on February 9th.

News Deadline: Tues., 12 Noon

MRS. BERNADETTE CONTE

Mrs. Conte Endorses "Parent Power"

By Joanne Brown

[Editor's Note: This is the final article in a three-part series by reporter Joanne Brown introducing the new School Committee members to our readers. Previous articles have presented Donald Charest and Raymond Saracino to their constituency.]

Parent power is a phrase adopted by Mrs. Bernadette Conte, newcomer to the School Committee who is totally committed to that idea.

Mrs. Conte believes that open communication between children and parents leads to a respectful relationship which can be carried over to teachers and principals at school.

"I see so much lack of school pride and respect among students today that it's terrible," she says, though she clarifies her remark by noting that, of course, she does not refer to all students.

She sees more parental involvement with schools as a solution to this attitude, explaining, "Before problems can be corrected, parents have to know what's going on in their schools. I see my job as a School Committee member to include getting parents more involved with their children's education."

Mrs. Conte plans to urge each school on all levels to organize active parent support groups, decrying the lack of such groups in some schools.

She also favors parent groups attending School Committee meetings for general discussion, not just for problems. Along with parental attendance, she also would like to encourage more visits from the general public as well as from students themselves.

She is definitely supportive of a broader citizen speak policy with a freer give-and-take between board members and those addressing them.

"I think parents should visit the schools to see how much Agawam has to offer their children," she says, adding, "There are so many terrific courses being offered and activities taking place daily that not many parents even know about, especially at the secondary level."

Against AHS Smoking Policy

Mrs. Conte is particularly opposed to the present policy in effect at Agawam High which allows students with parental permission to smoke between classes in a designated area.

"I wish parents would go the the high school and see what happens when they give permission for kids to smoke," she says.

She points out that her concern is primarily for the health of the students who are affected not only by the dangers inherent in cigarette smoking, but also by nutritional deficiences when they skip lunch and eat only chips in order to smoke during lunchtime.

Mrs. Conte indicates she understands the reasoning behind passage of the smoking policy, but still cannot condone it.

New Representative To LPVEC

At last Tuesday's meeting of the board, Mrs. Conte was named representative to the Lower Pioneer Valley Education Collaborative, in which Agawam participates in order to expand programs offered to local students that it cannot offer on its own.

She has been active for five years with parents who have children participating in LPVEC programs, particularly with those involving special education (Chapter 766) and has a daughter who is now placed in a collaborative program.

In a most forthright manner, Mrs. Conte admits, "I see several problems with collaborative programs that need to be worked out, and I think we should always keep at the forefront of our thoughts the benefit of bringing our children back to Agawam schools whenever possible."

She plans to take a "hard look" at collaborative programs to see where Agawam may be able to pick up some of them on its own and save on monumental transportation expenses.

She also offers as a possibility worth investigating the use of Peirce School by school officals jointly with town hall personnel after it closes next June. She sees this as a possible way to free up some rooms at the Junior High School for special education students who need the pool, ramps, shops for some vocational training, etc. that the Junior High building can provide.

All in all, Bernadette Conte does not intend to sit on the School Committee and allow the status quo to continue. She plans to ask questions, seek answers, and offer realistic solutions whenever possible.

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said. "We'll probably have to cut back on personnel."

Town officials expect Agawam will be able to meet current financial obligations at a tax rate no higher than 2 1/2 percent due to the hefty revaluations in town property which doubled and in some cases quadrupled in taxable value.

The revaluations are projected to give the town a full fair cash value of $450 million. This value, taxed at 2 1/2 percent, would yield the $11.25 million budget the town needs for operation (This does not include the school department's budget).

However, Paleologopoulos termed these figures as "strong assumptions" and said, "We've attempted to live with 2 1/2 but it's based on one key assumption of the town's new value being $450 million."

Whether Agawam will achieve the projected revaluation figure will be determined by the state after property owners have exhausted their rights to appeal what they term as unfair revaluations.

Currently, United Appraisals Company is conducting informal hearings in the Town Hall Annex. Until their records are turned over to the town (after February 5), UAC remains the sole authority to alter any property revaluation.

Sleigh Rally Scheduled

A sleigh rally is planned for Sunday, January 31, 1982, at Twin Maple Farm, 155 North West Street, Feeding Hills. The event will include a show and judging of best horse and sleigh.

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Fire Department Seeks $20,000 Overtime Transfer

By Stuart Parker

The Fire Department has requested Town Council to transfer $20,000 from their regular wages account into their overtime account, beyond the $44,000 already budgeted for overtime.

No Comment From Jenks

While Acting Fire Chief Russell Jenks would offer no comment regarding the reasons behind the transfer request, Town Council President Donald Rheault and Precinct 6 councilor Alfred Trehey, a long time critic of such transfers, offered two forms of action the council may take.

"It is in the province of the town manager to negotiate funds with the fire department," said Rheault. "When the fire department contract comes up for negotiations in the next few months, I believe this issue will have to be carefully negotiated.

Best To Negotiate

Rheault maintains that it would be best to negotiate a new understanding with the firefighters' union rather than attack the often maligned minimum manpower clause which requires that the town pay men for hours worked whether the funds are budgeted or not.

Trehey, however, felt the time to alter the minimum manpower clause was now. "Under Proposition 2 1/2 the council has the power to break this contract," he said, adding that no other area fire department had the minimum manpower clause written into their contract.

"We've been adding men to the fire department every year since Westman (former Town Manager James D. Westman) was in charge," he said. "And every year they fail to stay within their budget. Every year it's a new excuse."

The Fire Department now has 50 personnel and has a total personnel budget of $1,007,348 (this includes overtime, holidays, longevity, ambulance etc.). Another $97,652 is budgeted maintenance.

Library Cuts Hours

The Agawam Public Library has reduced its hours open due to staff shortages caused by the loss of C.E.T.A. employees and Proposition 2½.

Effective February 1st, the library's new hours will be as follows: Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The library staff will appreciate any comments or suggestions concerning the library's new schedule as their major goal is to provide the entire community with easy access to the public library.

Mazza Announces Open Hours

Town Counselor at large Peter Mazza has announced he will hold open hours at the Agawam Public Library this Saturday, January 30th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the community room.

He invites all town residents who wish to discuss issues involving the legislative process to stop in and visit him.

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Democratic Caucus Slated Next Week

Walter Kerr, chairman of the Democratic Town Committee in Agawam, has announced that a caucus to elect delegates to the state Democratic Convention scheduled for May will take place on Saturday, February 6th from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, Cooper Street.

The caucus is open to the public; however, only Democrats registered prior to January 1, 1982, will be allowed to vote.

Child Restraints Now Required

Agawam Safety Officer Sgt. Alfred Longhi would like to inform local motorists of a new law requiring the use of child passenger restraints in automobiles effective January 1st of this year.

This law requires all children under the age of five to be fastened in a properly adjusted car seat or safety belt when riding in motor vehicles.

Exemptions to the law include vehicles not equipped with seat belts; those with all seat belts and car seats in use; those for hire, such as taxis or limousines; and children physically unable to use a seat belt or car seat.

The fine for not obeying this law is $25, which can be waived if proof of a car seat purchase is given. No insurance surcharge is given.

Tripping About

By Jeanne Gilbert

A few weeks ago, we found we had to make a trip to Cooperstown, New York. Now usually in season, this is one of our favorite trips because we stay at the gracious Otesaya Hotel, but in the dead of winter, you have a choice of two motels or the 26-room Tunnicliff Inn, which is located in the center of town.

The Tunnicliff has been an inn since 1806. It is an old brick building which is attached to a wooden house, which, I presume, houses the two little old sisters who own it. One sister is friendly and pleasant; the other is grumpy. It was our luck to check in when the grumpy one was there. When we arrived and asked to see a room, she was outraged. She told us all her rooms were nice, and she didn't show them. All we had to do was look around the lobby and we could see how nice everything was. When we persisted, she told us to go look for ourselves and walked off in a huff!!.

The floors went up as you walked toward the window and down where the bed's headboards were. To solve this problem, a 1 X 5 board had been placed under the legs at the head of the bed as well as under the back legs of the night table. The furnishings were quite ordinary, but I must say, the room and bath were exceptionally clean.

We had breakfast at the inn served by another charmer who must have taken lessons from the grumpy sister. Breakfast was slow in coming, but it did turn out to be good, and before we left, we did get a smile from the waitress.

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By John Walsh - Certifield Public Accountant

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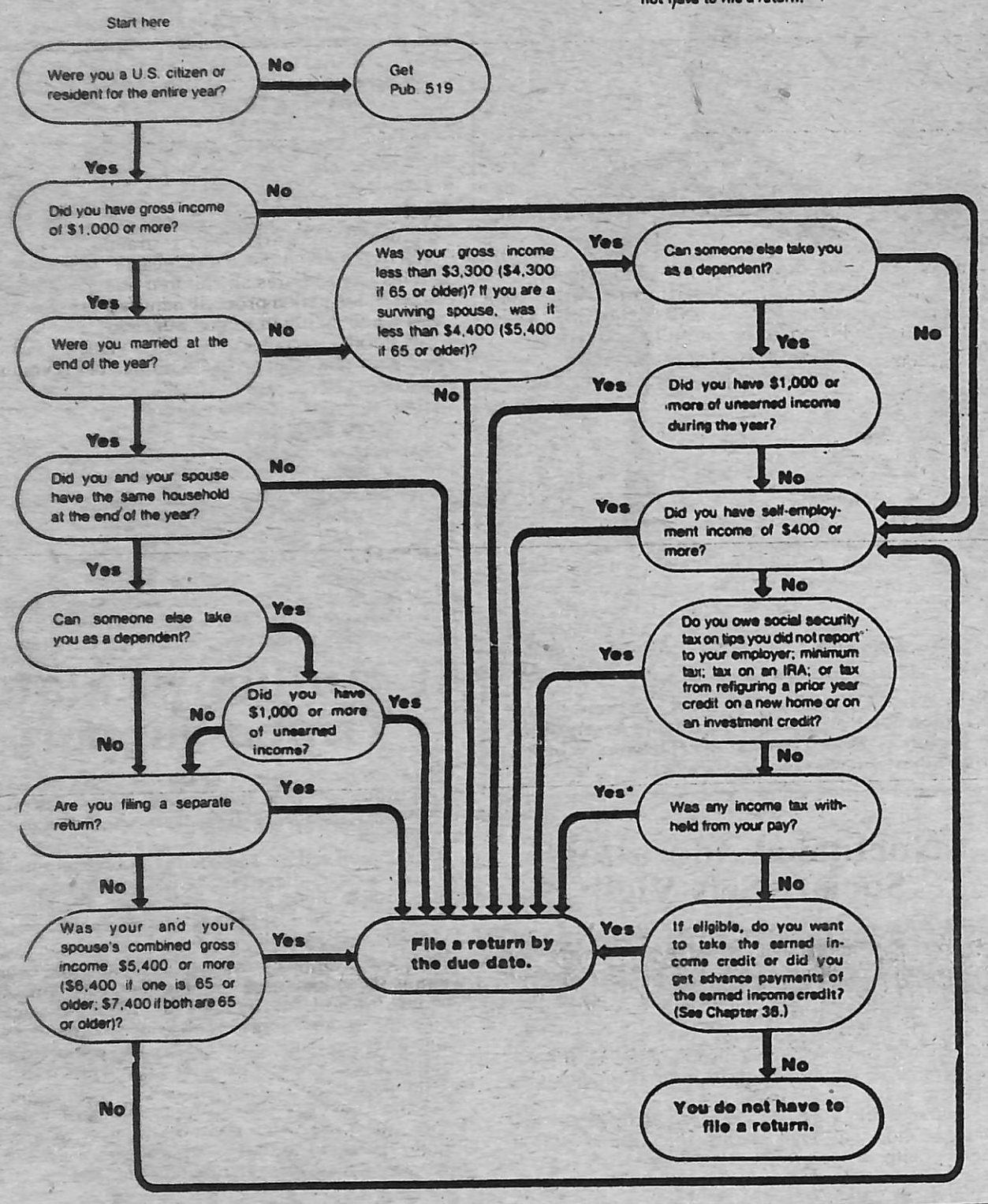

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Lou Conte & Bill Sapelli: Local Success Stories!

By Chris Hout

At age 28, Agawam varsity basketball coach Lou Conte and hockey coach Bill Sapelli, 27, are among the youngest high school coaches in the Western Mass. area.

Both are former star athletes at AHS and the two men have brought the winning tradition back into their respective sports.

Since he took the reigns in 1978-79, Conte has directed his cagers to a 41-31 record. This year's squad currently sits in 1st place with a 10-3 record in the B Division standings, tied with Greenfield.

Conte also led his 79-80 team into the Western Mass. semi-finals against Holyoke at the Civic Center. Agawam lost 93-78 in that one.

"I really enjoy coaching," says Conte. "As far as I'm concerned, I have always had the hardest working kids in the valley. My kids are always giving 120 percent and that really makes the job that more enjoyable."

Conte, now in his seventh year as a physical education and health teacher at the Middle School, graduated from AHS in 1971 and from Ithaca College in 1975 with a B.A. in physical education.

Conte was an all-league selection at AHS in baseball, football and basketball and is considered by many to be one of the finest all-around athletes ever to wear the orange and brown colors.

He went on to play baseball for Ithica in the collegiate ranks as a shortstop. Following his senior year, Conte was invited to a try-out camp by the Boston Red Sox and Milwaukee Brewers but decided to pursue other avenues.

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Conte still plays organized baseball at the competitive Tri-County level with the league champion O'Malley Printers, an Agawam based team.

He was selected to the league's all star team this past season. Better known for his defensive abilities, Conte hit under .300 for only the second time in his ten year Tri-County career last summer.

Conte assumed command of the Brownie' controls in 1978 when he directed his team to a 6-14 record. The next season his team blossomed to 15-5, 11-9 the next, and presently 10-3 this season.

Conte attributes much of his coaching success to Agawam Athletic Director Clifford Kibbe, who Conte played basketball under while at AHS.

"Mr. Kibbe has shown me how to get the best out of my players," said Conte. "He (Kibbe) always strived for hard work and a lot of hustle and that's what I rely on and it seems to be working."

He added, "We use the old John Wooden (former UCLA basketball coach) theory. Forget about wins and losses and just go out and give 120 percent. If we can go out on the floor every game and compete like that, then we will be successful."

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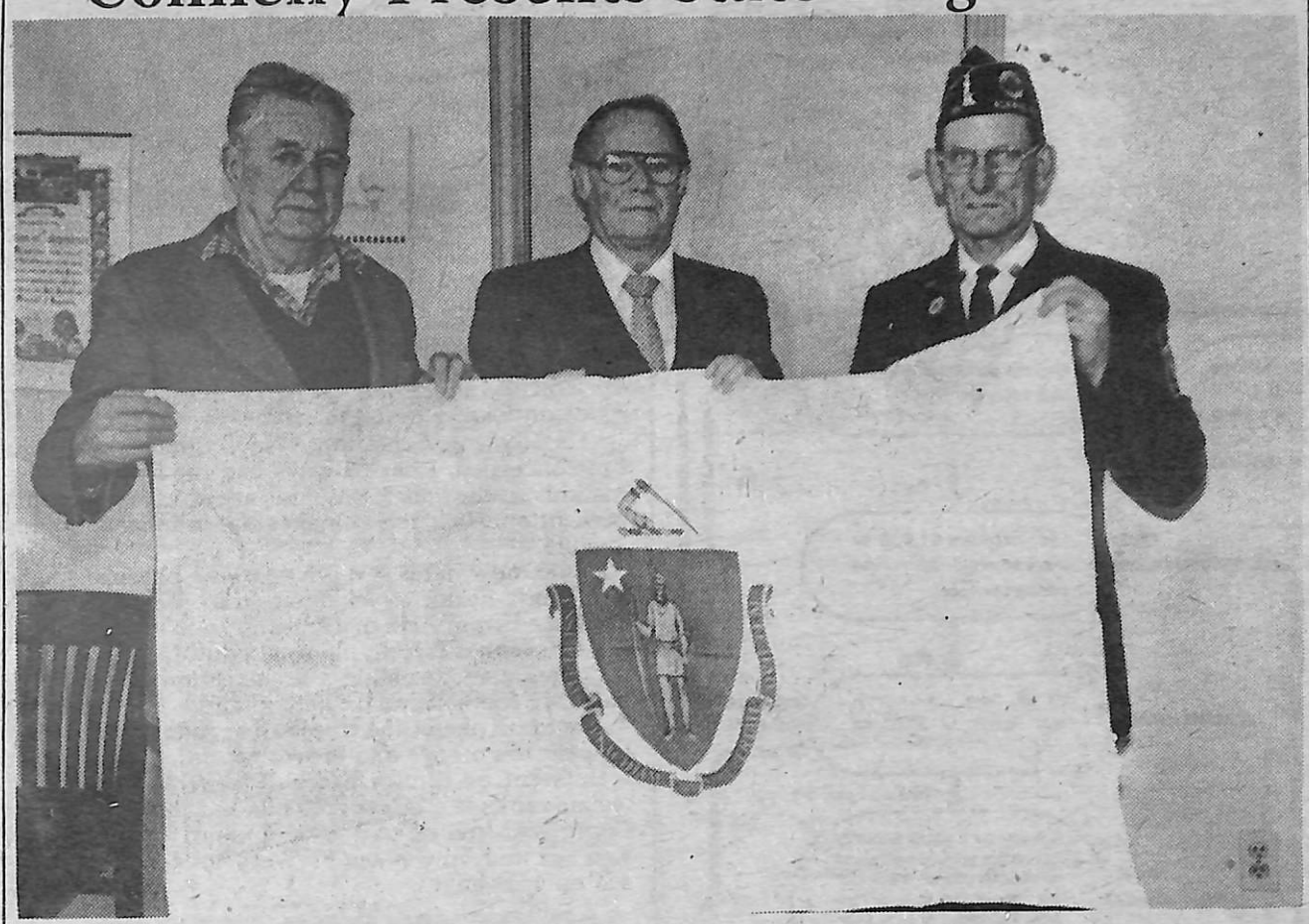

AGAWAM STATE REPRESENTATIVE EDWARD W. CONNELLY (center) presents the Massachusetts State Flag to the Agawam American Legion Post on January 22 during ceremonies at town hall. Accepting the flag for the American Legion is Post Commander Thomas Whalen (right). Looking on is Veteran's Agent John McCarthy. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Junior Women's Club Activities

Barbara Connery, president, and Gail Pirnie, first vice president, of the Agawam Juniors joined women from across the state who recently attended the mid-winter meeting of Junior Membership of the Mass. State Federation of Women's Clubs at the Sheraton Tara Hotel in Braintree.

The theme of the day was "Reach Out" with morning workshops focused on improvement of each individual member. Following luncheon, the keynote speaker was Glenda Baker of Total Health Enterprises, a personal development counselor.

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The Agawam Juniors will hold a paper drive on Saturday and Sunday, January 30 and 31, at Agawam High School parking lot. All newspapers will be accepted, but no corragated or magazines.

Anyone unable to bring papers to the truck site may call 786-6034 or 786-5536 for pickup. Please have all newspapers bundled if at all possible. For more information, call Kathy Zampiceni, chairman, at 786-6034.

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The Agawam Juniors will sponsor a special youth-oriented performance of the Hartford Chinese Kinpo School on Friday, February 12th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center, 843 Main Street. The event will benefit the Doreen Grace Fund.

This exhibition will be led by Richard Vida, black belt instructor and operator of the school. An employee of the Conn. Mutural Life Insurance Company, Vida practices his art in the evenings and frequently travels with his students for charity benefits.

St. Anthony's Slates Trippa Supper

St. Anthony of Padua Church's Holy Name Society of Agawam will hold their annual Trippa Supper on Wednesday, February 10th, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the church hall.

Tickets will sell for $4.50 with the alternate meal of ziti and sausage offered for $4.00. Both meals will include tossed salad, bread and coffee. Walk-ins are welcome and take out orders are available in an individual's own container.

The organization will sponsor their pre-Lenten dance and smorgasbord on February 13th after the 6:30 p.m. mass. Reservations at $5.50 each are requested early. Parishioners celebrating their silver or golden anniversaries in 1982 will be guests of the Holy Name Society. Steve Santori's orchestra will furnish dance music.

Tickets, courtesy of Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, may be obtained from Paul Ferrarini (786-9574), Frank Gatti (786-3688), Lou Scherpa (786-0203) or at the rectory or from ushers after masses.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the church repair fund.

PWP Slates Activities

Parents Without Partners Chapter 990 will hold a record hop on Saturday, January 30th, at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills, from 9 to 12:30. Members of other PWP chapters are welcome to attend.

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PWP will hold a Sunday orientation on February 7th at 1 p.m. at the home of the first vice president near exit 4 of the Mass. Turnpike on Riverdale Road, West Springfield.

For further information, call Judy Harrison at 733-6064 or New Member Director Debbie Mattoon at 782-6809.

Nocturnal Adoration Society Sets Vigil

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will hold its monthly all-night vigil at St. Louis de France Church, 817 Main Street, West Springfield, on Friday, February 5th from 9 p.m. through Saturday at 6 a.m.

Rev. Thomas Dupre, pastor and chancelor of the diocese, will open with benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, which will be exposed throughout the vigil.

Members are asked to be more faithful to their monthly hour of vigil during the Lenten period. Membership is open to men and women 18 years or over. Contact Roy Parent at 737-3833 or Louis Gallerani at 739-5720.

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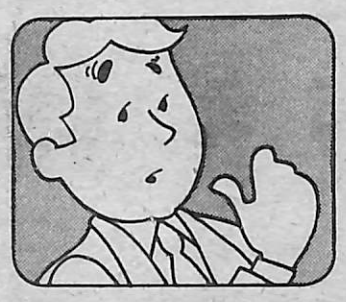

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Friends and Neighbors

By Rita White

A very special happy birthday wish goes out to MARY JANE STUART of Roberta Circle. Mary Jane celebrated her birthday last week (we won't ask which one). For those of you who don't know her, you can find her hard at work in the town hall's Building Department.

Mary Jane is one of those wonders of today who manages a home and career. She's been a busy lady bringing up her three sons. Son HAL is in the Air Force stationed at Rapid City, South Dakota. Son DAVID is a freshman at Western New England College. Son SKIP is married and living in Georgia with his wife and son.

All Mary Jane's friends and neighbors join in wishing her many happy birthdays to come.

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If you're looking for that little something different in the way of Valentine gift, how about what the AGAWAM WRESTLING BOOSTER CLUB has to offer? For just $6 per person, you can enjoy an hour of wine, cheese and crackers followed by the movie *On Golden Pond* at the Showcase Cinemas on Riverdale Road. The wine and cheese will be served on the mezzanine from 6:30 to 7:30 and the movie will begin at 7:50. The date is Sunday, February 14th, of course.

Just think, if you give candy, it'll be gone in no time; flowers will just wilt and die; but an evening out like this will make a nice memory that can last forever. For ticket information, call 786-8794 or 786-3039.

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Heritage Hall is going to very busy in February. For the week of February 8th to 12th, they will be having what they call a ROCK & ROLL JAMBOREE to honor American Heart Month and to raise funds for that worthwhile organization, the American Heart Fund. Some of the events will include the arresting of administrator Clifford, who will be placed in "jail" with funds raised to bail him out.

There will also be a jumprope-a-thon with individuals pledging money to those who participate and jump rope for a certain amount of time. Long-stem roses will be on sale along with pins and T-shirts.

More fun will take place later in the month with the production of a play entitled *As The Stomach Turns*. Be sure to give a little of your time and stop in to visit these festivities.

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ROSE & DON HEBERT have just welcomed their third child into the world. STEPHANIE ANN was born on Saturday, January 23rd and weighed in at 7 pounds, 3 ounces. She joins her brother MARK, aged 5, and sister ELIZABETH, aged 4.

Mark and Elizabeth were thrilled when they learned they a baby sister, although Mark wondered why a sister had been sent instead of a brother. Welcome to what we hope is a full and happy life, Stephanie.

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Another new arrival to enter the world is MAUREEN ELIZABETH TURMEL, who was born at 3:29 a.m. on January 7th. The 8 pound, 7 ounce baby girl is the third child of MR. & MRS. PAUL J. TURMEL of 14 Lynne Drive, West Springfield, whc also have a 6-year-old son JOEY and a 3-year-old daughter KARA.

Maureen's grandparents are MR. & MRS. WILLIAM G. PFAU of 71 Western Drive, Agawam, and MR. & MRS. LUCIEN TURMEL of 114 Hampden Street, Chicopee.

[You may send items of social interest to Rita White, in care of this newspaper or call her at home, 786-4970.]

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F.H. Women's Club Meets

The Feeding Hills Women's Club will hold its February 3rd meeting at the Grange Hall on North West Street at 8 p.m.

Following the business meeting, Monte Carlo whist and an auction for the Friendship Fund will be conducted. Members are asked to bring items to be auctioned off for the fund.

Newcomers To Meet

The Newcomers Club of Agawam and West Springfield will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, February 2, at 8 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House at 663 Main Street.

Nancy Huber from the Springfield YMCA will tell you how to "get fit while you sit."

For more information on this organization, call 786-5921.

Community Grange Meets

Community Grange will meet on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall on North West Street.

Following the business meeting, a musical evening under the direction of Frank Allen will take place. A social hour will follow with Christine Ferry in charge assisted by Matt Granger and Delina Burt.

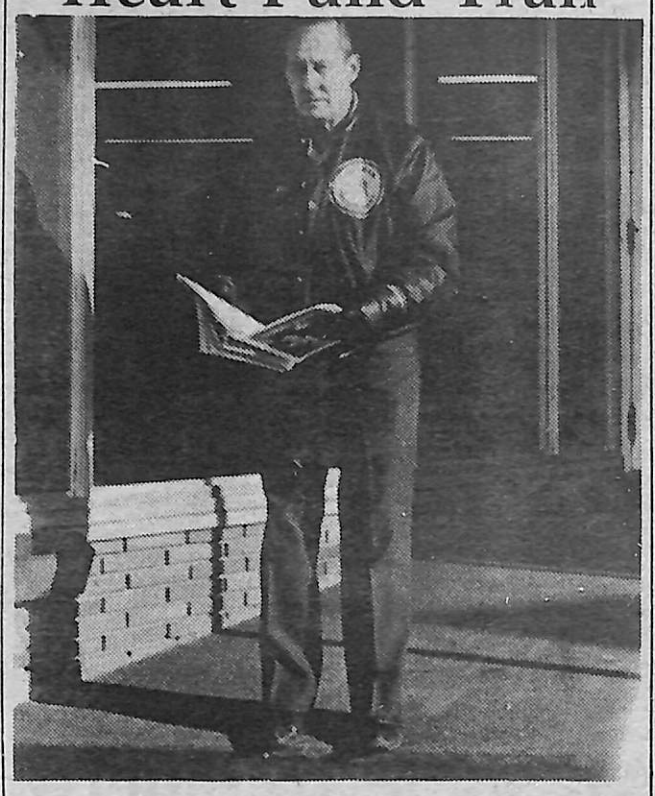
DAR Slates Meeting

The Mercy Warren Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 12:45 p.m. in the Guild Room of Faith Church, Springfield.

The historical program will feature Stephen Hayes of Stage West who will speak on "Theatre in Springfield Since 1852: The Past as Prologue."

Hostesses for the meeting will be members of the executive board.

Lombardi On The Heart Fund Trail



ALDO LOMBARDI of J.W. Wimpy's on Walnut Street Extension was seen soliciting advertisements for the annual Heart Fund Program Book for the upcoming Heart Fund Ball in February. Aldo was asking his neighbors for support. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Valentine Card For Quitting Smoking

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts has a Valentine's Day card that will tell the special person in your life that you quit smoking for someone you love.

This card may be obtained from the association at 393 Maple Street, Springfield, for a fifty cent contribution. If you prefer, send the association the name and address of whoever you'd like to send the card to along with $1 contribution and they will send it out for you.

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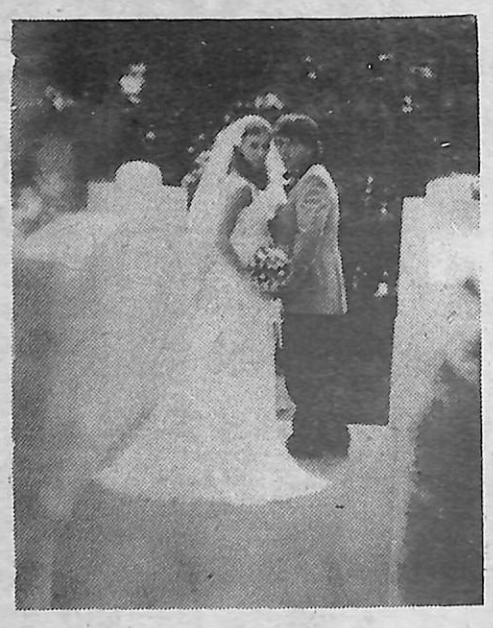

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For Senior Citizens...
New Beginnings
By Rita White

Well, seniors, it looks as though we've about made it through the month of January. February 2nd is Groundhog Day, and let's hope he does the right thing and delivers us an early spring.

As we enter the month of February, we can look for some of the following to be special buys: used cars, storm windows, bicycles, rugs, floor coverings, furniture, housewares, electrical appliances, silverware, and winter clothing. So be on the watch for advertisements featuring these items to take advantage.

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The following men have been elected officers in the Senior Citizens' Men's Club: Stanley Syniec, president; Henry Alvigini, vice-president; Stanley Jablonski, secretary; and Frederick Vogt, treasurer. Directors will be Roland Corriveau, Ed McMahan, and Ted Therrien.

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The new exercise classes have begun again. Come on down and get in shape for the summer. Classes are on Mondays from 10 to 11 a.m.

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The next lecture in the series offered by the Senior Center will be presented by Dr. Dosick entitled "Crime and the Criminal." I hope all of you will make an effort to attend this lecture on Friday, February 5th, at 1:00. These lectures are designed for everyone, not college graduates or certain professionals, but for you all to help you deal with certain issues that confront you an a day-to-day basis.

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Don't forget the tax counseling. The tax man will be available for you on February 2nd and 16th. If you are in need of assistance in filling out your tax forms, be sure to call the center and make an appointment.

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Happy birthday to Katherine Geoffrion on January 29th. We hope you enjoy your day and have many more to come.

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Don't miss lunch at the senior center next week: Monday, brockwurst; Tuesday, barbeque chicken legs; Wednesday, lasagna; Thursday, veal patties with mushroom sauce; and Friday, fried clams.

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Just a reminder. On Friday, February 12th, the center will have its Valentine's Day party. Everyone can, of course, come for lunch, but in order to stay for the party, you must be in some type of costume. Now we're not talking about anything fancy, although the fancier the better. But you only need to do some little thing such as wear a funny hat, two different shoes, paint your face like a clown or an Indian, or whatever. Be sure to join in the fun. You'll enjoy it.

Free Tax Counseling Available To Elderly

The Greater Springfield area has a free income tax service available to senior citizens known as TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly).

Funded by Congress through the Internal Revenue Service and sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, National Retired Teachers Association, and in cooperation with the IRS, this free tax service was first established in 1969 and was originally known as Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). It is intended to aid the elderly, the handicapped, and low income citizens.

Arthur Magnuson, overall coordinator for Western Massachusetts, says the program is working through Councils on Aging, Golden Age Clubs, and various community centers. It has 25 retired persons as volunteer counselors, many of whom are retired business people and all of whom have experience in tax matters. They are equipped to deal with most of the problems that confront the older taxpayer.

For further information, the elderly need only contact the Agawam Council on Aging.

OBITUARIES

Charles C. Checile

Charles C. Checile, 61, of 134 River Road, died January 24, 1982, while shoveling snow at his home.

Born in Foxboro, he lived in Agawam 26 years and was a retired 41-year machinist at Americn Bosch in Springfield. He was a Air Force veteran of World War II, a member of AFL-CIO Local 206, and a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, Lillian (Sweeney); two sons, Michael of Westfield and David of Springfield; a daughter, Judy McGuire, and a brother Joseph, both of Ludlow; and seven grandchildren.

Colonial Funeral Chapel was in charge of services with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

Peter O. Raina

Peter O. Raina, 87, of 58 Channell Drive, died January 20, 1982, in Mercy Hospital.

Born in Italy, he lived in Agawam 28 years and was a retired superintendent for General Baking Company in Springfield. He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, Assunta (Barbieri); a daughter, Cleta Kinckiner of Springfield; and a granddaughter.

Colonial Funeral Chapel was in charge of services with burial in Agawam Center Cemetary.

JUSTICE FOR ALL
By Atty. Frank R. Saia

The Times They AreA-Changing

As the weeks turn into months and months turn into years, your life keeps changing. Shouldn't your estate and financial plans change as well? A new job? A move to or from another state? Approaching retirement? Marriage? Divorce? New business venture? New children or grandchildren?

Changes in your personal family and business life may not make the front pages, but they certainly are important and significant to you. Time has a way of making new things old, sweet turn sour, and updated outdated. Time and change can unite to spoil what was once a perfect and satisfactory will, trust, estate and financial plan. If time, change and events have outdated or made your will, trust, or financial plans obsolete, it's time you've kept up with the changing times.

The enactment of the Economic Recovery Act of 1981 increases your financial and planning needs. All existing financial and estate plans should be renewed and updated to take advantage of the new act's benefits. New plans should not be built on old foundations. Fresh thinking and new planning strategies are required. You, the taxpayer, and client will need the following:

1) Advice on techniques to minimize income tax.
2) Advice on co-ownership of property.
3) Advice on pay planning in order to maximize benefits.
4) Advice on business planning to aid in making the correct choice of form of business, retirement planning, cost recovery system, and realization of investment tax credits.
5) Advice on investments to take full advantage of all the saving incentives of the new law.
6) Advice on new strategies for personal and charitable gifts.
7) Advice on life insurance so as to protect against financial loss resulting from an insured's premature death, loss of the unlimited marital deduction, the impact of death taxes on a surviving spouse's death.
8) Advice on uses of trusts and power of appointment.
9) Advice on the strategic use of the unlimited marital deduction.
10) Advice on wills and will changes and the transitional roles of the new law as they affect existing wills.
11) Advice on planning to deal with inflation.

An attorney can help restore the tax, financial and estate planning process to its main objective - to protect people against a sometime hostile financial world and, when necessary, against themselves.

As the nex tax laws take effect in 1982, the importance of tax, financial and estate planning will heighten. Start the new year by changing your plans and objectives with the times before time changes them for you.

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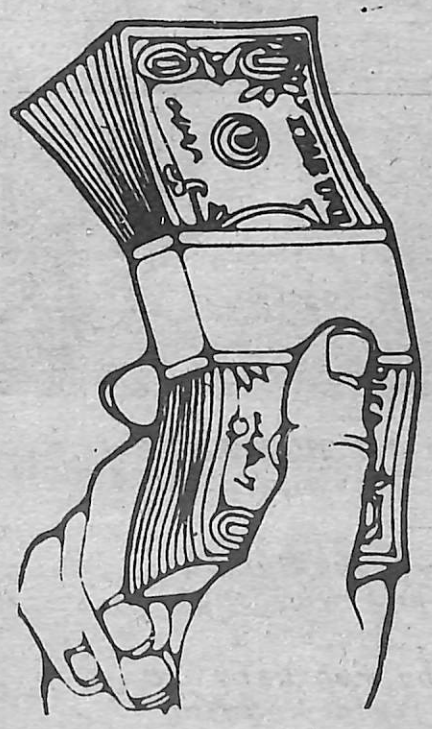

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MARJORIE WOOD, a 19 year veteran of BayBank Valley, many of which were spent at the Agawam Branch next to the Food Mart, was rewarded for her many years of dedicated service in December by being promoted to the bank's customer service manager. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Majorie Wood Promoted By BayBank

By Dorine Kubik

Marjorie Wood has been promoted to Customer Service Manager at the Agawam branch of BayBank Valley at 51 Springfield Street, bank officals today announced.

The West Springfield native of 31 years was promoted to her new position of responsibility in December.

A graduate of West Springfield High School, she received an associates degree in banking and finance from Holyoke Community College. Since that time she has received several certificates from the American Institute of Banking.

Marjorie has been with BayBank Valley for 20 years and has spent 19 years at the Agawam branch. She began her career as a teller and eventually was promoted to assistant manager before her appointment to Customer Service Manager.

A member of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, Marjorie said promoting and abetting the business climate in the community is important. She said the field of banking is both rewarding and challenging, especially with today's economic climate.

She said helping people make difficult decisions about their financial futures has been most gratifying during her 20 years in the field. She does not hesitate to recommend banking as a career to other women interested in a constantly changing atmosphere. She also noted banking offers women a chance to further their education.

A 21-year veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserves, where she retired as a yeoman chief, Marjorie enjoys skimobiling, bowling and gardening during her spare time.

Dance & Fashion Show

The Swingles Square Dance Club will feature Jerry Benoit doing the calling and cueing the rounds at their square dance on Friday, January 29th, at 8 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 33 Elm Street, West Springfield.

The highlight of the evening will be an exclusive showing by Meg Simkins of her spring fashions.

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TOWN COOKBOOK

By Mary Ann Govoni

While I was making an apple pie, my daughter Andrea said to me, "Mom, I will make supper for tomorrow night." I was very happy because it gave me some time off from cooking. Andrea is a sophomore at Agawam High and is very proud of this recipe because we attended a covered dish picnic where there were about 600 items and hers was chosen first and printed in a local newspaper. It is her own creation.

STUFFED PEPPERS

1 lb. lean ground beef
1 cup bread crumbs
3 eggs
¼ c. p grated cheese
2 7-oz. cans tomato sauce
¼ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
½ tsp. parsley flakes
1 medium onion chopped
½ cup oil

Wash peppers, core, remove seeds. In large bowl, mix all ingredients except oil and tomato sauce. Fill each pepper with mixture and put into casserole dish and pour a little oil over each pepper. Put rest of oil in the dish. Bake 1½ hours at 325°. Remove from oven and pour tomato sauce over each pepper. Sprinkle lightly with a little salt and pepper over each one. Cover with foil and return to oven to continue baking about 40 minutes more. Remove and serve with hot, buttered rice and salad.

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This arrived in the mail, and I was surprised to see this recipe which is convenient for quick cooking.

LAZY MAN'S STUFFED CABBAGE

1½ lbs. ground beef
1 small onion chopped
1 head cabbage, shredded or torn
1 can tomato soup
1 can water
1 can tomato sauce (7 oz.)
1 can water
1 cup minute rice

Put cabbage in boiling water and cook until slightly soft. Drain. Brown ground beef and onions till onions are clear and beef loses its pink color. Drain. Add tomato soup, tomato sauce, and water to meat. Prepare rice as directed on package. Add to meat and tomato mixture. In 11 X 15 baking pan, layer cabbage, meat/tomato mixture and repeat once more. Cover with foil and bake in 350° oven for 1 hour. Serves six. (Glass dish, 325°)

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

* Bread crumbs added to scrambled eggs will improve the flavor and make larger servings.

* Potatoes soaked in salt water for 20 minutes before baking will bake more quickly.

*If citrus fruits are warmed in the oven or in warm water for a few minutes, they will give much more juice.

* Apples won't be cracking while they're baking if you peel a 1-inch band around the middle

* When using a casserole pan, cleaning up will be easier if you grease or oil it first.

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All Day

Tues., Feb. 2nd
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7:30 pm

Wed., Feb. 3rd
F.H. Women's Club
Grange Hall
8:00 pm

Thurs., Feb. 4th
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By Peter Forastiere
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HOSPICE, DEATH, & THE FUNERAL

Hospice care, in its broadest sense, includes care of the patient and family prior to the time of death, at the time of death of the patient, and care of the family during the period of bereavement. Because hospice care includes attention to the many areas of need that can be present during this time of stress, it is common for hospice staff to discuss the need for spiritual support and to inquire into the patient and family interests regarding funeral services.

There is no standard hospice approach toward religion or religious beliefs. Yet a chaplain is a member of the hospice team and hospice programs recognize the value of religious beliefs and practices for the families they serve. Some persons do not desire spiritual support or religious services, and this is recognized and respected in hospice programs.

There is no standard hospice approach toward the funeral or funeral practices because of varying attitudes toward immediate post-death attitudes. Yet most hospice programs recognize the value of funerals and have established communication and working relationships with local funeral directors.

The two leading hospice training programs in the United States include funeral directors among their faculty, and the National Hospice Organization and its Standards document recognizes the significant role of the funeral director in collaborating with the hospice team at the time of death.

Hundreds of hospice programs in all areas of the country will be working with families who will be faced with the question of what to do about funeralization and diposition of remains of the person they loved and helped care for. They have time and support in which to consider their options in terms of arrangements for a funeral and the involvement of family and friends in whatever is decided upon.

Many family members who will plan these post-death activities will have been involved in providing physical care during the last days of life of the deceased. This is a return to the role that was once common for family members. Yet so many other elements have changed on our society and culture and economics that it is impossible to speculate what the trends may be years from now.

There are constant changes in the care of the dying and in immediate and extended post-death activities. Hospice care will be at the forefront of the change. Members of the hospice programs and funeral directors both have the common goal of improving services to families they serve.

The hospice is founded on the concept of care and love in the final stages of a terminal illness. The concept includes all attempts to bring the family and the dying person together so that each can draw strength and support from the other. It is a period of time when family ties are renewed and love and concern for each other becomes the basis for each and every action. Support is found in doing and sharing the most elemental things in life. The family is the focus and basis of all activity.

The parallel of concepts between hospice and funeralization makes it natural for the family to move from the hospice environment for the dying patient to that of funeralization for the bereaved family. They transfer their strong feelings from one supportive environment to another as they move through the dying, death, and bereavement process.

In the process, family members are brought close to each other giving each other strength and support. Love and concern are most important. Support is found in doing together those things that are necessary, significant, and meaningful for each member of the family.

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Credit Union Offering IRA's

At a recent board of directors meeting, the Agawam Community Federal Credit Union voted to make available to its members two ways of investing in Individual Retirement Accounts. The board's action was in response to changes made in the federal tax laws that became effective on January 1st which now enable every wage earner, even those who are already active participants in a company-sponsored pension plan, to make tax sheltered contributions to an IRA.

The first credit union plan for IRA investments enables any member of the group (any individual living or working in the town of Agawam is eligible to join) to invest in his or her own personal IRA any amount of money up to $2,000 per year. This IRA fund will pay high money market interest rates from the first day of deposit, compounded quarterly, all of which will be tax deferred until retirement.

At the meeting, the board set the rate for the first quarter of 1982 at 12.698%, expressing the view that, with this high interest rate and the $2,000 tax deferment for wages earned in 1982, this plan is a very safe and attractive investment.

Individuals can still qualify for a 1981 tax deduction of up to $1,500 by opening an IRA with the credit union before the tax filing deadline of April 15, 1982.

The second credit union plan which was accepted was one in which local companies will be able to serve better their employees by instituting a payroll deduction plan for employee IRA contributions. Through this program, the credit union reaffirms its willingness to cooperate with local employers to extend to their employees the many advantages of payroll deductions.

Since its inception in 1976, the Agawam Community Federal Credit Union has continuously striven to meet the needs of the community and its people better. This latest action in offering IRA's to its members is just one more step in carrying on this helpful tradition of service to the community.

Such measures over the years have produced a strong and steady growth rate for the Credit Union and have provided for a bright outlook for the future.

Home Show Largest In New England

"With only 38 exhibition places available, the 1982 Western Mass. Home Show appears headed toward becoming the largest show of its kind in New England," says William W. Parenteau of West Springfield, this year's general chairman.

Sponsored by the Home Builders Association of Greater Springfield, the 29th Annual Western Mass. Home show will be held March 16-21 in the Better Living Center, Eastern States Exposition.

Parenteau is third vice-president of the Home Builders Association, which sponsors the show. He was chairman of the 1978 show.

Committee members will be two former home show chairmen - Ralph DePalma, last year's leader, and Joseph R. Kakley, 1979 chairman - and Michael Discenza, president of the association and immediate past president of the state association.

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Karen Gould Earns Respect & Praise Despite Handicap

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One Of Six Children

Karen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gould of Feeding Hills and one of six children, has been totally blind since 1974.

As a young girl, she was fortunate enough to enjoy her eyesight, but as she grew older, an eye disease slowly took her sight. She became totally blind at age 20.

Now at 27, Karen, like many others, seeks fulltime employment to support her West Springfield apartment and to pay her everyday bills.

Last fall, Town Manager Edward A. Caba hired her as a temporary switchboard operator when illness struck one of the fulltime operators at Town HALL.

She became an overnight favorite of both Caba and many town hall employees.

"When we hired Karen the fact that she was blind was a concern at first," recalls Caba. "But, after seeing her ability to operate the switchboard and the manner she handles incoming visitors to Town Hall, there's no question in my mind that we have quite a capable young girl on our hands."

Town Treasurer David Gallano added, "We are all very impressed with Karen. She's bright and a hard worker and we are very proud to have her in our employ."

At this time Karen serves Town Hall on a temporary basis, coming in whenever she's needed. Energetic and personable, she is now seeking fulltime employment. She believes her blindness should not hinder her ability to find a job but admits the job market at this time is tight.

"I know I'll find a job one of these days," says Karen. "The job market is very tight due to the economic climate. But I'll continue to hunt until one comes along."

A graduate of Agawam High School, Karen continued her education at Mount Ida Junior College in Newton, a suburb of Boston. She remembers that her eyesight was almost totally lost at that time, and she admits her handicap seemed cruel and unfair.

Others Do Not Have Luxury

"I can remember when I knew I would lose my sight that it seemed very unfair, but afterwards I just decided to do the best I could. I was lucky enough to have my sight as a child, a luxury others did not have," said Karen.

TOWN HALL SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR KAREN GOULD, despite being visually impaired, was described by Town Manager Edward A. Caba as being "an asset and an inspiration to town hall employees. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Karen says she enjoys cooking and claims managing her own apartment is no longer a chore. "I feel being on my own makes me more independent and more self-reliant, which is very important. I enjoy doing things for myself whenever possible."

Karen noted that her blindness has vastly improved her other senses, and one gets the impression that, while she listens to your voice, her mind is painting a mental image.

"I really don't think it's a case that my hearing is better than others," observes Karen. "It's just that I've learned to listen better and that sure helps." Listening, she added, represents an important part of her own independence and energy.

"We feel very fortunate to have such an articulate and competent receptionist and switchboard operator under our employment," said Caba. "Karen is quite an inspiration when she is with us and whenever there is a day available, we call her in."

Karen is flattered with all the compliments showered on her by senior town officials, but she says her ability to overcome her blindness "doesn't impress me that much."

Karen remarks, "I just feel that I could have felt sorry for myself all the time and depend on others or give myself and my family the opportunity to let me go out on my own and be independent. It was difficult and still is, but I just think it's a situation of not giving up."

Roots Come From Family

Karen's energy and character, actually, has its roots with her family. She has a younger brother and a sister who have similar disabilities, and she said her parents, Glen and Elena, have shown the patience of saints over the years with the entire family.

"I thank my parents for all the patience and understanding they gave us over the years. Without them being there, it would have been impossible."

"I also thinks it's important for me to show my brother and sister that despite being visually handicapped you can still enjoy life very much," she notes.

So, anytime you happen to enter Town Hall and come upon a young, dark-haired woman, say hello. Although Karen can't see who is speaking, spending a few minutes of conversation with her is testimony enough that this determined young woman is one who has made it despite some tough odds.

"Irene's Closet To Hold FDR Fashion Show

In celebration of Franklin D. Roosevelt's 100th birthday, **"Irene's Closet"** on Walnut Street Extension will hold a fashion show on Saturday, January 30th at 2 p.m.

Fashions from 1882-1982 will be on display by owner and operator Irene Scanlon.

Area Parents Anonymous Sponsors Local Chapters

The Great Westfield Area Council for Children is sponsoring a local chapter of Parents Anonymous. Parents Anonymous is a self-help group for parents who feel that they abuse their children physically or phychologically, and wish to stop. The group maintains strict confidentiality among members, and follows guidelines similar to those of Alcoholics Anonymous. Only first names are used, both in the referral process and in Parents Anonymous participation.

The chapter meets every Thursday evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at an unpublished location. For further information for a confidential referral to the group, call either one of the following numbers and leave only your first name. (Sponsor) **Edith -413-562-4956**

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EDITORIAL

Maybe "Pigs" Are Best Use For Buynicki Lots In Feeding Hills

We were not surprised at last Monday evening's Town Council meeting when Mr. and Mrs. Craig White of Elmar Drive spoke in opposition to a proposed Residential-A zone change requested of the council by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Buynicki of South Westfield Street.

The Buynickis' zone change would allow them to built 20 single family homes on 12 acres of land abutting Elmar Drive in Feeding Hills. The most significant factors about the zone request is that it would allow the longtime town residents the opportunity to build two more homes than allowed under the present Agricultural zone.

Moreover, under a Residential-A zone, homeowners are not allowed to house farm animals on their respective lots, which an Agricultural zone allows.

The request is simple enough, but the opposition, led by Craig and Muriel White, is a deeply rooted problem that plagues this community and its attempts to add to its tax base.

From our understanding, their opposition, along with other abutters, stems from a long dispute over the boundary lines of the 12 acres.

But reading between the lines and understanding the track record of Mr. and Mrs. White gives us the impression that the Buynickis attempt to build homes near their property is the crux of the problem. It seems to us that a residential area would be enhanced by the lack of farm animals for several obvious reasons.

We have warned our readers about the attempts by small pockets of neighborhood groups who oppose the community's adding badly needed revenue to the town's treasury by building our tax base.

Mr. and Mrs. White have and continue to practice the policy of publicly condemning the integrity of both elected and appointed officials over such issues as the much-needed Route 57 bypass and other projects that have come before us in the past that would build our tax base.

In a time when Proposition 2 1/2 threatens municipal services and with the new property revaluations that doubled and tripled residents' property assessments, we again urge our elected Town Council and readers to eye carefully these splinter groups.

We also find it more than interesting that much of the noise against adding to our tax base eminates from small groups in Precinct 2 where some 700 sewerless homeowners exist.

How can councilors and a few residents from that area, on the one hand, continue to ask to drain the town treasury to lessen the burden of the sewer project, but, on the other, scream bloody murder against projects that will substantially increase our tax base?

This type of thinking continues to puzzle us.

The Buynicki zone request only scratches the surface against those in the community who continue to be anti-business and anti-tax base.

Again, we have heard the rumblings that the industrial park at Bowles Airport represents the save-all to the community from these splinter groups. And again, we say that the I-Park at Bowles is just the beginning of Agawam's road to a more favorable tax base and tax rate through a better business climate.

As for the Buynicki zone request, we have much empathy for the petitioners for the trouble and aggravation created by such groups. The Planning Board, who requested the Buynickis to petition the council for the zone change (to save the residential flavor of that area) should have remained silent.

Pigs have the ability to add a certain air to such a lovely part of town.

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To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank publicly Agawam policemen King, Draghetti, and Orsatti along with Fire Department EMT's Larry Grady and Ken Blair for their quick response and excellent care given to my father on the night of January 18th. Thanks to them, he is now resting comfortably in Wesson Hospital.

I think residents of this town should be thankful that they have such efficient and well-trained emergency medical personnel.

Sincerely,
John Gedney Jr.
108 Reed Street

We Want To Hear From Our Readers.

From The Third

By Edward W. Connelly
MA State Rep.
Third Hampden District

Drunk Driving: Enforcement Needed

Since the tragic Christmas time deaths of an entire family due to a drunk driver, the issue of driving under the influence has been debated in the news media and throughout government. Some are calling for stiffer penalties, some for mandatory sentences, some for new laws. The Governor's response has been to create a task force to study the issue.

The real problem, however, lies in the lack of enforcement of existing laws. Current law states that a person convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol and certain drugs shall be fined between $35 and $1,000, imprisoned for two weeks to two years, or both, and shall lose his or her driver's license for a year or, depending on circumstances, permanently.

In 1980, (the last year for which we have statistics) 11.9% of those arraigned for drunk driving received probation or one or more of these punishments.

The alternative to fines, jail and/or loss of license, is a law adopted in 1974 which allows a judge to assign persons arraigned for drunk driving to education, rehabilitation or treatment programs. In 1980, 97% of those whose cases were continued participated in these programs. Of drunk drivers found guilty in 1980, 36% were assigned to these programs in lieu of penalties.

The problems we face are in the enforcement and consistency of the courts. The courts have to crack down on repeat offenders who are now being lightly treated in most areas of the state.

Clearly, education and rehabilitation is appropriate for first-time offenders. But once an individual is convicted of repeat offenses, the stiffer penalties in the law should be enforced.

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on February 4, 1982, at 7:00 P.M. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear the Zone Change request of Diplomat Builders, Inc., Ralph DePalma, President, to rezone land from Residence A-2 and Agriculture to Residence A-3, the land is located on the westerly side of Suffield Street just south of the Route 57 underpass.

Beginning at an iron pipe on the Westerly side of Suffield Street at land now or formerly of Calabrese and thence running Southerly along said Suffield Street six hundred and seventy-two and 75/100 (672.75) feet to an iron pipe at other land now or formerly of William E. Quinlan; thence Westerly along land of said Quinlan thirteen hundred and fifty-six and 06/100 (1356.06) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Snell; thence Westerly along said Snell's land fifty (50) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Russo; thence Northerly along said Russo's land nine hundred and fifty (950) feet more or less to a pine stump at land now or formerly of Calabrese; thence Easterly along said Calabrese's land eight hundred and seventy-two (872) feet more or less to the place of beginning.

Subject to the restrictions, if same are now in force in deed from Joseph Work to Edith H. Crouss, dated November 4, 1899, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 596, Page 403.

Being the premises described as Parcel 1 in a deed of William J. O'Toole to Mary A. Sullivan, Trustee, dated December 3, 1980 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 5037, Page 291.

The land is located on the Westerly side of Suffield Street just South of the Route 57 underpass. The land is presently zoned Residence A-2 and Agricultural, and your petitioner seeks to change said zone to Residence A-3.

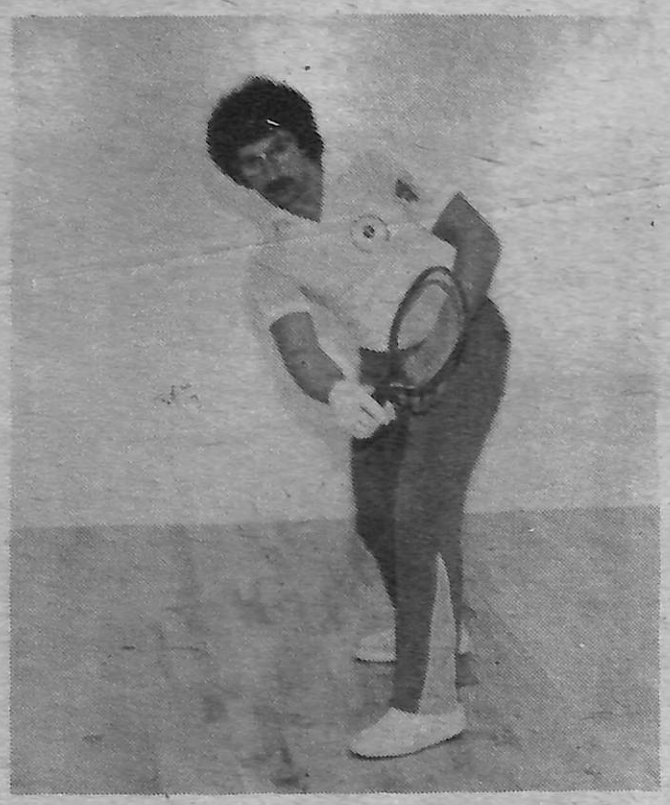
BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
Published: January 21 & 28, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1982, at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of FRANK A. GRASSO who is seeking a Special Permit under Section 20-51 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the operation of a metal salvage yard and salvage retention area at the premises identified as REAR 403 MAIN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Theodore A. Progulske, Chairman
Published: Jan. 28 & Feb. 4, 1982



COURT HOUSE RACQUETBALL PROFESSIONAL Frank Satturo goes through his paces at the Feeding Hills based health fitness facility on Tuesday afternoon. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Court House Retains Two Top Health Pro's

The Court House Racquetball & Health Fitness Facility in Feeding Hills Center today announced the acquisition of two top flight professionals in the fields of men's and women's fitness and racquetball.

Frank Satturo, owner of the Athletic Club and Health Center in Indian Orchard and a world renouned expert on men's and women's health fitness has been retained as a consultant by the Court House, today announced Larry Donn, general manager of the popular Feeding Hills facility.

Mr. Satturo, will organize all health and fitness programs, including stress testing, weight training, muscular fitness and nutritional guidance

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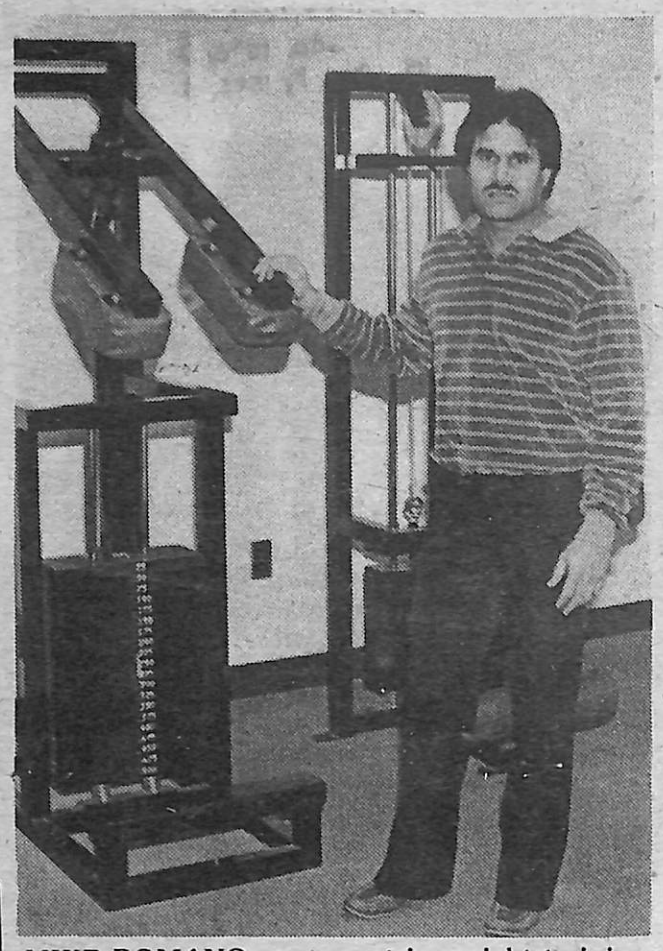
Mike Romano has been named touring and resident racquetball professional at the Court House Racquetball & Health Fitness Facility, Donn said.

Mr. Romano is one of the finest racquetball players in the country. He has fifteen years of teaching experience and specializes in beginners instruction.

Mr. Romano maintains that teaching individuals proper techniques from the outset helps them learn the game faster and enjoy it more.



MIKE ROMANO, an expert in weight training, was recently hired by the Court House Racquetball and Health Fitness Facility to instruct its membership on how to execute and maintain a proper weight fitness program. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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Council For Arts Sponsors Antique Appraisal Day

Suffield: On Sunday, February 7th, from 1 to 5 p.m., the Suffield Council for the Arts is sponsoring an antique appraisal day to be held at the Kent Memorial Library.

Oral appraisals will be given on jewelry, gem stones, china, silver, small pieces of furniture, antique prints, paintings, crystal, and decorative accessories.

The appraisers are Stanley Szwed, Jr., a certified gemologist from Swede's Jewelers, and Bob Newall, an appraiser of fine arts and estates in the Hartford area. One dollar per item with a three-item limit.

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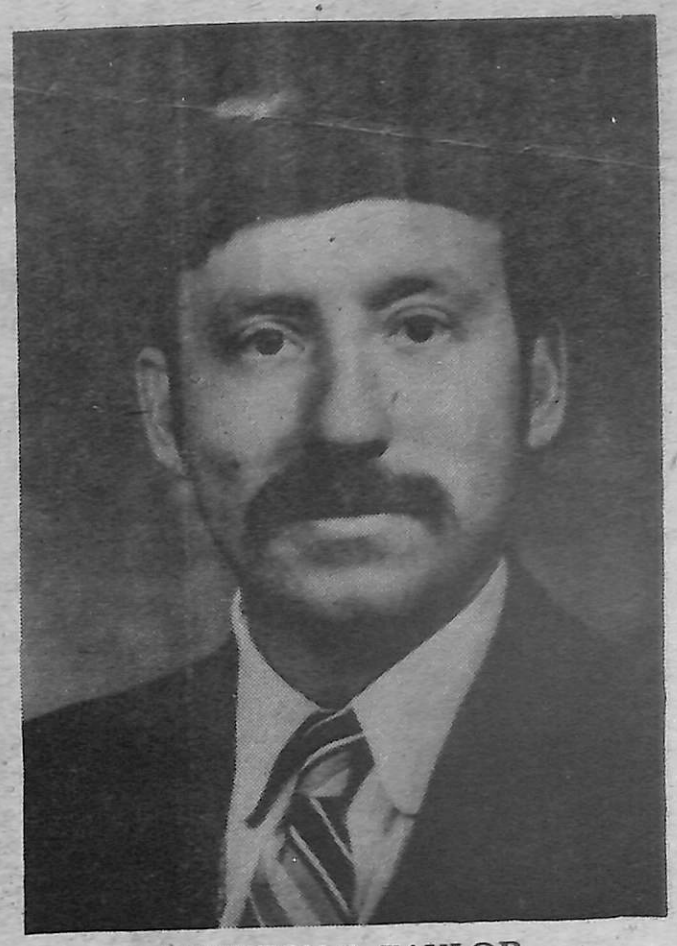

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Westfield Savings Assets Increase

At the 129th annual meeting of Westfield Savings Bank's corporators, Arthur W. Knapp, chairman of the board and president of the bank, reported that total assets at fiscal year end were $158.2 million, an increase of $5.2 million over the previous year. The meeting was held at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

Mr. Knapp reported that total deposits were at the record level of $143,267,289 and mortgage loans were also at the record figure of $114,660,660.

Commenting on savings deposit growth, Knapp said that practically all of that growth at the present time is in the area of high interest certificates, and he noted, "The savings bank industry has made it possible for the small investor - with units of $500 for example - to share in the high interest earnings."

He termed a significant result of fluctuating interest rates the appearance on a wide scale of review rate mortgages. This means that the rate at which the mortgage was written is reviewed every three years and may - according to the ups and downs of interest rates - be adjusted up or down by three points.

Knapp said the review rate mortgage benefits both parties as, "It gives the bank the advantage of passing the risk along to the borrower, and the borrower has the good protection of benefitting if the interest rates move downward."

Knapp explained the popularity of Individual Retirement Accounts and the Keogh program was due to their tax deduction capabilities and the opportunity they provide for savers to build substantial retirement nest eggs.

The construction of new drive-in facilities and a program of renovation and redecoration begun at the bank's West Springfield office in 1981 is rapidly nearing completion. "We anticipate that the drive-in facility and expanded banking hours in West Springfield will meet with the approval of our customers in that community," Knapp said.

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Rosa Promoted At Community Bank

By Dorine Kubik

Cacilda Rosa was promoted to Branch Supervisor of Community Savings Bank in Feeding Hills, bank officials today announced.

Mrs. Rosa began with Community Bank's Liberty Street Branch in 1976 in customer relations and was transferred to the Feeding Hills branch in 1979 in a supervisory capacity. She was promoted to branch supervisor in December.

Mrs. Rosa is a 1965 graduate of Technical High School in Springfield and attended Springfield Technical Community College. She plans to further her education at Holyoke Community College.

Mrs. Rosa is married to Lucas M. Rosa, a distributor for a local company. The couple live at 132 Blanchwood Avenue, Chicopee.

She finds the most gratifying part of her new role is meeting the customers of Community Bank and sharing with them ideas on their finances and the many services offered by Community Bank.

When she's not busy at the bank, Mrs. Rosa enjoys travelling. She and her husband recently visited Portugal and said another trip is upcoming in the future. In her spare time she enjoys reading, biking and swimming.

Bank Reports Record Earnings

Fourth quarter and year-end earnings of the Park West Bank and Trust Company both set records in 1981, according to an announcement by Theodore P. Kosior, president and chief executive officer.

For the fourth quarter, the bank reported net income of $141,149 or 87¢ per share against net income of $118,218 or 73¢ per share for the fourth quarter of 1980. For the full year, Westbank's net income was $516,152 or $3.18 per share, up from $403,505 or $2.49 per share in 1980.

Kosior noted that year-end assets in 1981 also reached record levels, rising to $71,657,255 from a figure of $65,989,564 a year earlier.

Based on the results and favorable assessment of Westbank's future prospects, the board of directors voted a regular quarterly dividend of 25¢ per share and an extra dividend of 5¢ per share to stockholders of record on December 31, 1981, payable on January 20 1982.

DECISIONS
THAT MAKE PROGRESS

Taylor Promoted At Westbank

Trenton E. Taylor has been promoted to credit and collections officer of the Park West Bank and Trust Company, according to Theodore P. Kosior, president. Taylor joined Westbank in 1979 as a member of the Collection Department.

He is a native of Georgia and attended Springfield Technical Community College. He is currently enrolled in courses sponsored by the American Institute of Banking.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, where he specialized in communications. He and his family live in Westfield.

Financial Facts

Gary C. Smith
Suffield Savings Bank

Families Should Have Savings Account

Financial counselors agree that every family should have a savings account for emergency purposes. They say that ideally, a family should have an amount saved that equals six months of the family income. Such a savings fund would see most families through emergencies like accidents, extended illness, or loss of income due to a job layoff.

While it is an excellent idea to have this much money saved, many families see the accumulation of six months income as an insurmountable task. If saving six months is not a feasible goal, families should think smaller.

Set a goal to save a small amount regularly, each pay day. Make your savings deposit as soon as your pay check is cashed. In other words, pay yourself first, then your bills.

You'll be surprised how quickly your savings will grow. A savings account with at least one month of a family income is certainly more reassuring than no savings at all. And, in time, it will grow to a larger amount through regular additions each week.

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SCHOOL

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

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Tues., Feb. 2: Chicken rice soup, cold cut & cheese sandwich, buttered green beans, chocolate cake w/icing, milk
Wed., Feb. 3: Hamburg in roll, sliced cheese, harvard beets, buttered rice, dessert, milk
Thurs., Feb. 4: Spaghetti w/meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, garlic bread & butter, spiced applesauce, milk
Fri., Feb. 5: Oven roasted chicken, rice pilaf, buttered peas & carrots, wheat bread & butter, cranberry sauce, white cake /chocolate icing, milk

Pre-Registration For School Ongoing

Parents of children who are to enter kindergarten in September, 1982, are requested to contact the nearest elementary school as soon as possible. Information regarding registration will then be sent home.

Children who will be five years of age or older before October 1, 1982, are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September, 1982.

Children who have not previously attended school in Agawam are eligible for entrance to Grade 1 in September if they are six years of age or older before October 1982.

Third Graders Perform "Wheels"

Third graders in Mrs. Shirley Lertora's class at Peirce School recently presented the play "Wheels," written by Mary Kay Beall and John Carter, Ohio educators with extensive background in music.

The musical play was written especially for a school stage and featured the world's greatest invention done with humor and emotion. Many memorable tunes delighted the audience.

Acting as narrator was Maura Martin, with Michael Canty as Rock and Sharon Phaneuf as Martha playing the two characters who discover the wheel. These soloists were supported by a chorus singing the nineteen songs included in the show.

Early Release Day Slated For February 9th

The School Committee has approved an early release day from school for all Agawam students on February 9th.

Students will be dismissed one hour earlier than usual in order for teachers to attend workshops.

Elementary teachers will review the standards for implementing the Rinehart handwriting system, recently reintroduced into town schools. Secondary teachers will hold department meetings.

Special Needs PAC Schedules Meeting

The next meeting of the Agawam Parent Advisory Council of Special Needs Children will be held on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Junior High School library.

It is imperative that all parents of students who attended and will attend Camp Rainbow be present at this very important meeting.

AHS Art Students Enter Competition

Agawam High School art teachers Geraldine Schilling-Nordal and Donna Drewnowski have announced that eight of their students have entered the Western Massachusetts regional preliminary of the *Boston Globe* Scholastic Art Awards Program.

Among those who have entered are Laura DeSantis, Andrew Lawson, Michael Pepper Jr., and Nicholas DePalma. Entering pottery products are Rita Iacolo, Andrew Lawson, and Sandra Crough.

All artwork entered was selected by the two teachers for its creativity, high degree of craftsmanship, and composition.

A distinguished panel of artists and art educators judged all entries from this region at the University of Massachusetts. Selected to be awarded a certificate of merit was the entry from Michael Pepper, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pepper of 86 Fox Farms Road, Feeding Hills. Mike hopes to attend Springfield Technical Community College in the fall with a major in graphic arts.

Pops Concert Next Weekend

The Agawam High Band Pops Concert will be held at the Middle School auditorium on Friday and Saturday nights, February 5 and 6 beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door on concert nights, and refreshments will be served by parents and members of the Color Guard.

Included in the Concert Band portion of the concert will be the *Little Rhapsody in Blue, Lassus Trombone, Ragtime March,* overture from the Broadway musical *How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying,* and theme music from the movie *Lawrence of Arabia* as well as several feature numbers.

"Southern Four" will feature dixieland quartets composed of students who qualified for All-Western Mass. Honors Group. "Beguine for Flutes" wil feature multiple flute trios from 6th, 7th, and Junior High Bands as well as the Senior High flute section. "Trumpet Boogie" will also feature students from Middle and Junior High Bands in quartets along with the senior high trumpet section.

Also appearing on the program will be the Agawam High Jazz Band under the direction of Mr. Zachary Tileston and the Jazz Combo led by Band President Andy Lester.

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In other activities, both the Senior High Jazz Band and the Junior High Jazz Band will perform at the Western Mass. Jazz Educators Festival for school jazz bands at Chicopee High School on Thursday, February 4th. Younger groups will be presented in the afternoon, with senior high groups performing in the evening.

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Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo
Guidance Chairman

Last December, 1981, over 300 juniors took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery tests, more commonly called the ASVAB. The test consists of five subject areas: verbal, math, perceptive speed, mechanical, trade technical, and academic ability. All juniors who took the test received a computer printout and booklet explaining the results of the examination.

The ASVAB is a "pass" or "fail" test. The student's scores only show how well he/she did in comparison to a representative sample of other students in the United States who took the same test.

Taking the ASVAB does not obligate a student to the military in any way. Students are free to use his/her test results in whatever manner he wishes. ASVAB results are not used to enter one's name in any draft registration.

From a guidance point of view, the ASVAB becomes an effective tool. The aptitude test measures one's potential and can give a good indication of where a student's talents lie. By looking at the composite score and a student's personal interests, a counselor can help the student make more intelligent career decisions.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

The following students have been accepted at various colleges to which they have applied:

Karen Nadeau, STCC; Cheryl Santagate, Our Lady of the Elms and AIC; Lucille Anderson, Tony Liquori, Christine Ferraro, Dan Giordano, all to AIC; Scott Smith, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Alisa LaFrancis, Becker Jr. College; Christ Conway, Westfield State; Susan Marai, U. of Lowell; Cathy O'Malley, Our Lady of the Elms; Barry Wu, UMass; and Glen Fournier, Westfield.

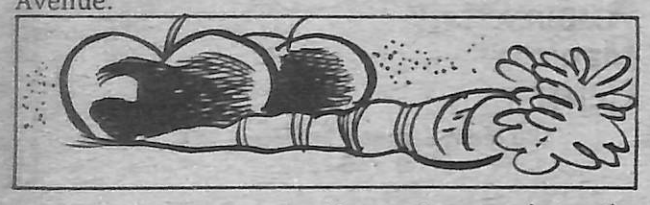
Buffet Made For "Mom & Dad"

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS Sheila O'Donnell (left) and Valerie Wrobleski prepare some delicious gulumpkis as part of a Home Economics project this week. Students in Karen Myers' class prepared a buffet meal on Monday and Tuesday and then invited their parents into the classroom to enjoy the meal on Wednesday. According to Ms. Myers, the buffet was a big success.
Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Local Students Make Fitchburg State Dean's List

The following local students have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Fitchburg State College. A student is placed on the dean's list for the semester if an average grade of 3.2 or better is attained and the student is attending the college fulltime.

Andrew R. Casiello of 69 Lealand Avenue, John W. Fanning of 20 Parker Street, Lisa M. Fogg of 45 Barney Street, Karol A. Goehlert of 17 Dartmouth Street, and Christine M. Skowera of 81 Belvidere Avenue.



Apples and carrots should not be stored together. The carrots are likely to develop a bitter taste.

Clark School PTO Slates Meeting

The James Clark School PTO will meet on Thursday, February 3rd, in the school cafeteria at 7 p.m.

Ginia Allison, director of the Wide Horizons project in the Agawam elementary schools, will give a slide presentation to explain how her project aids in bringing children into contact with area cultural institutions.

The public is invited to attend, and refreshments will be served.

Well Child Clinic Scheduled In Town

The next Well Child Clinic will be held on February 3rd beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Senior Center.

This clinic is open to pre-school children whose families are unable to provide regular medical check-ups or required immunizations through private physicians. It is not for sick children.

If you would like to make an appointment or desire further information, call Mrs. Niemic, town nurse, at 786-0400, ext. 209.

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BROWNIE TROOP 547 held at candlelight ceremony at Phelps School on Tuesday, January 19th. Brownies on hand for the festivities were; back row left to right; Andrea Parent, Felicia Circosta, Kimmel Nacewitz, Susan Christian, Bridget Presho, Tonda Hudson, Catherine Hill. Middle row; Kelley Higgins, Susan Schubach, Cara Tonelli, Andrea Michael, Celina Martin, Kristin Ferris and Tiffany Torsiello. Front row; Danielle Parent, Amy Lipton, Heather Feuerbach, Kelly Conlon, Debbie Conklin, Sherry Cheatham and Carrie Lysik. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownie Troop Holds Candle Ceremony

Brownie Troop 547 held a candlelight investiture ceremony at Phelps School on Tuesday, January 19th. Family members were invited to witness children welcomed into the girl scout family.

Each girl was surprised with a carnation corsage donated through the generosity of Feeding Hills Florist prior to making the Girl Scout Promise.

Troop leader is Marie Ferris, and helpers are Paula Tonelli and JoAnne Hudson.

Unfortunately, no pearls of value are ever found in North American edible oysters.

Mythical Creatures At Agawam Library

On Thursday, February 4th, the Agawam Public Library will offer an after-school story hour on mythical animals, featuring stories, slides, and the film, "The Reluctant Dragon."

Elementary school aged children may be registered by calling the library at 789-1550.

Science Museum Offers Courses

The Springfield Science Museum is offering two courses for children beginning Saturday, February 6th to February 27th.

From 10-11:30 a.m., children 7 to 9 years of age can explore the world at night in "Strange Creatures of the Night." Habits of nocturnal animals will be presented along with use of the planetarium.

From 12-1:30 p.m., "Weather Wizardry" will be offered to children 8 to 11 years of age to investigate the various phenomena of weather. Participants will also discover how meteorologists predict changes in weather and prepare a forecast.

For information on how to register, contact Elizabeth McClellan at the musuem, 733-1194.

Laughing Brook Begins Program To 'Adopt An Animal'

On Saturday, January 30th, Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden, MA will launch a new program called "Adopt An Animal." Local media celebrities will be made wildlife foster parents in a public ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Adopt An Animal opens the way for concerned citizens to become directly involved in providing veterinary care and humane treatment for injured, orphaned, and diseased New England wildlife.

Over twenty-five wildlife species make their home at Laughing Brook, and this program will help finance their care as well as assuring that disabled wildlife will always have someplace to go.

Laughing Brook To Host Folksinger Callinan

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden will host folksinger Tom Callinan on Saturday, January 30th at 8 p.m.

A resident of Clinton, CT, Callinan is a folk musician, songwriter, and environmentalist who has played for audiences throughout the U.S., Europe, and Ireland. He is a strong supporter of the protection of marine wildlife.

Laughing Brook's auditorium will be transformed into a coffee-house atmosphere for the show which is open to the public for a $4 admission fee. Discounted tickets are available in advance.

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The Reading Room

By Rita White

Book Addresses Abuse Of Children

Whenever we pick up a newspaper and read about a child being raped or molested, we are properly horrified. We think of numerous appropriate punishments for the offender. But what about the thousands of children who are raped or molested by family members, friends, or acquaintances?

McGraw-Hill has recently published a new book entitled *The Best Kept Secret - Sexual Abuse of Children* by Florence Rush. This book is an in-depth, thoroughly documented study of this widely spread and unbelievably accepted perversion.

By probing deeply into sociology, religion and history, Ms. Rush shows that adults have sought sexual gratification at the physical and psychological expense of minors with overt or tacit public approval. Ms. Rush points out the tendency is to disbelieve and blame the victim of sexual molestation.

Children themselves speak out candidly in these pages, revealing the shocking extent to which "the best kept secret" is a devastatingly commonplace fact of life.

Florence Rush, a psychiatric social worker with 25 years of experience in the field, has published numerous articles on the sexual abuse of children. She is on the board of New York Women Against Rape and works closely with Women Against Pornography.

This well-written, factual book should be read not only by teachers and advisors, but by every parent.

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Unfortunately, many children at some time during their growing-up years have to go to the hospital for some reason, and the experience is often terrifying. There is some help available in the form of a new children's book by Lyle Stuart, Inc.

Why Am I Going To The Hospital? is written by Claire Ciliotta and Carole Livingston and illustrated by Dick Wilson. This wonderful book has been carefully and thoroughly researched among hospital professionals and tested upon many children who had been or were about to be hospitalized.

The language is simple and explains different equipment, various professionals, and routines found in hospitals. It is designed to show the child that, while the hospital is obviously not a place one goes to for an afternoon of fun, it is also not a place to be feared. The child is made to feel that even going to the hospital acutally makes him/her a special person.

Why Am I Going To The Hospital? is a delightful book and one that should be shared with your child whether he or she is going or not. It explains that sometimes you have to be rushed to the hospital for an emergency reason and may be used to prepare your children for this possibility.

Any child will love reading the book, having it read to him, or even just looking at the pictures which tel as much as the words do.

Women's Lecture At WSC

Springfield attorney Mary E. Boland will speak on "Women in Transition: Opportunities and Consequences" at Westfield State College on Wednesday, February 3rd, in Wilson Hall auditorium.

Her lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to all. A wine and cheese reception in her honor will follow immediately after to which all are invited.

Mrs. Boland's presentation is a featured part of a new series of courses dealing with social and career issues as they relate to women.

THE DAVID SKOLNICK RETIREMENT COMMITTEE review plans for the February 27th event to be held at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. Present at the general committee meeting were, back row from left; Max Kozynoski (co-chairman); Don Charest (program chairman); and Jim Reardon (co-chairman). Front row: Ed LaRiviere (ticket chairman); Donald Rheault (toastmaster) and Bill Rhodes (general chairman). Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Testimonial Slated For David Skolnick

Former Agawam High School "Work Study" Director David Skolnick of Rowley Street will be honored at a retirement dinner and testimonial on Saturday, February 27 at the Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills.

Skolnick, who retired from 34 years of dedicated service to the school system, remains active in both social and civic life here.

A group of friends and former associates has formed the "David Skolnick Retirement Committee" and are now organizing ticket sales and publicity for the event, scheduled for 6:00 pm.

Members of the committee include: Max Kozynoski and James Reardon, co-chairmen; Bill Rhodes, general chairman; Donald Rheault, toastmaster; Edward LaRiviere, ticket chairman; and Donald Charest, program chairman.

Other members of the general committee include John Bruno, Bruce Dodd, William Martel, Russell Jenks, Larry Hatch, Skip Rising, William Fern, Robert Wilmes, Stan Osowiecki and Charles Granger.

Skolnick has contributed much to the shaping of a better community in many areas, said members of the general committee.

Education in the widest sense of the word is his field; he has been on the staff of the Agawam High School since 1947. He was advisor to the local Future Farmers of America Chapter for 15 years, during which it received the highest national award, the Gold Emblem.

For 12 years he served the Agawam School Department as its guidance director and certified school psychologist; and then as director of "Work Study" programs and director of Distributive Education programs.

He has been and continues as the liaison between Agawam High School and the Armed Forces recruiters. He has been chairman of the Agawam Democratic Town Committee and President of Henry Lasker Shalom Lodge, B'nai B'rith; Melha Temple Guard of the Shriners; Agawam Council of Parents and Teachers; Agawam Education Association; Robinson Elementary School PTA; and the Agawam Trestle Board Club.

In his King Cobra Self Defense Training School he has taught hundreds of students of all ages.

For his leadership and for his community services, especially through the Agawam School Department, David Skolnick has been saluted as an "Outstanding Servant of the Public" by Springfield Television, WWLP Channel 22.

Tickets for the affair can be obtained by calling Ed LaRiviere at **786-0347**, Russell Jenks at **786-0355** and Max Kozynoski at **789-0975**.

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SPORTS

Ayre Hot In 90-73 Victory Over 'Hamp

By Chris Hout

Point guard Timmy Ayre poured in a game high 20 points while dishing off 11 assists in leading Agawam to a 90-73 victory over defedning Division II champion Northampton in schoolboy basketball action Tuesday night at Agawam.

The victory, Agawam's ninth this season, leaves the locals tied for the B Division led with Greenfield, who was upset 39-38 by East Longmeadow Tuesday night.

The Brownies are 9-2 in the league and 9-3 overall. Northampton's record drops to 1-10 on the year. The Blue Devils, who were 7-3 coming into this week's action, were forced to forfeit their first six victories due to an ineligible player, the league ruled Monday.

Kevin Barnes and Clark Dore each added 16 points for the winners while Nadim Yacteen scored 15, Scott Negrucci 12 and Boo Smith added 9. Agawam shot an impressive 60 percent from the floor.

"The kids were working very hard tonight," said Agawam coach Lou Conte. "We're passing the ball real well. This team is made up of a good group of unselfish ballplayers."

The Brownies, who led 15-9 after the first quarter, 37-27 after the second and 58-44 after the third, watched Northampton cut their lead to six late in the third quarter. Then Ayre went to work, hitting 5 for 7 from the floor good for 10 points to ice the victory.

"Northamton played the game with a lot of intensity. I knew they would despite the mishap earlier in the week," said Conte in reference to Northampton's string of forced forfeits by league prexy.

"Timmy (Ayre) got hot at the right time and it carried us through. He's been doing it all year for us. He's a hard worker," Conte concluded.

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Agawam next game is this Friday night at home when they entertain Minnechaug. Game time is 7:30 pm at the high school.

Rookies Lead Agawam, 4-1

By Chris Hout

Sophomore Dean Liptak's goal at 9:54 of the second period carried the Agawam Brownies to a key 4-1 Berry Division victory over rival Westfield Tuesday night in schoolboy hockey action at the Coliseum.

The win lifts the Brownies to 5-5-1 on the season and sole possession of third place in the Berry Division race behind Cathedral and surprising Longmeadow.

"We're in good shape," said Agawam coach Bill Sapelli following the victory. "We already have Cathedral out of the way so I would have to say that the schedule for the remainder of the season favors us. Besides, we are playing real good hockey."

The young line of freshman Jay Passerini, sophomore Dean Liptak and junior Mike Lazazzera was just too much for the Westfield sextet to handle. The trio racked up six points in the victory. Passerini had a goal and an assist; Liptak had a goal and an assist, and Lazazzera had two assists on the night.

"That line is really something else," beamed Sapelli. "The all have excellent hockey sense and they work well together. The thing that makes that line go is Lazazzera. He's the stabilizing factor for the two young ones."

Passerini got the locals rolling at 5:52 of the first period when he converted a Lazazzera centering pass and drilled it past Westfield goaltender Dutch Renschler for the 1-0 Agawam lead. Liptak also assisted on the play.

Agawam threatened to break the game wide open after the Passerini marker as Frank Rondoletto, Jerry Ferendino and Lazazzera were all robbed by Renschler in the Bomber net. Dave Bell also came close, hitting the post to the left of Renschler with time running out in the period.

Westfield tied the game at 8:14 of the second stanza when center Jamie Morris slid the disc past Kevin Kamyk in the Agawam goal for the equalizer.

The tie was short-lived as far as Westfield was concerned as Liptak took a pass from Passerini and walked in alone on Renschler, faked the goalie to the right and put it home to give the locals the lead for good at 9:54.

The Brownies extended their lead to 3-1 at 13:18 of the same period as seldom used Jeff Racine collected a rebound off the boards and popped the puck over Renschler's shoulder for the insurance goal. It came unassisted.

Racine then went to work once again at 10:06 of the final session. Racine, who had no goals coming into the contest, took a centering feed from Dean Arnold and shot the puck into Renschler. The rebound came right back onto his stick and this time he fired it past the Westfield goalie for the final 4-1 margin.

"Jeff had himself a super game," said Sapelli. "Those goals were scored on determination alone. I give him a lot of credit."

Kamyk turned in another stellar performance for the locals recording 29 saves in the victory.

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BROWNIE NOTES: Agawam, now 5-5-1 on the season, has lost their five games by a total of 13 goals, 9 of them coming in a 9-0 loss to Cathedral. The other four games were decided by one goal. Chet Sulborski is sixth in the Berry Division scoring race with 7 goals and 9 assists for 16 points.

Local Indoor Soccer Opens Winter Slate

Agawam's representatives in the Indoor Soccer League opened their seasons with two exciting games.

The Boys Roadrunner Muffler Shop playing in the Western Mass. Indoor Soccer League lost their first contest of the season to the 16 Acres Soccer Association. Agawam tallied the first goal on a corner kick from Billy O'Brien to Davy Jenks but within minutes 16 Acres came roaring back to tie the contest.

Fast paced action from 16 Acres kept Agawam's defense on the ropes by outstanding saves from goalie Ricky Costa kept the game tied for Agawam. With seconds left in the game 16 Acres took the lead and time ran out for Agawam in a 2-1 loss.

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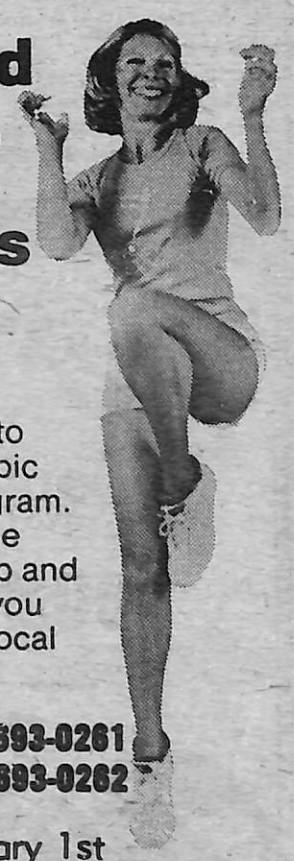

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12-14 Hockey Team On Big Roll

The Agawam team sponsored by the Polish Club swept a pair of games this weekend by beating Holy Cross 4-1 and Holyoke 7-1.

Goals scored by Mike Santore, Pete Sibilia, Dave Keeny and Ray Bronner were more than enough to top Holy Cross on Sunday.

On Monday a hat trick by Jeff Hill, two goals by Pete Sibilia, singles by Ray Bronner and Bob Barbarini did the damage as Holyoke fell to defeat.

Strong checking and all out hustle by forwards Paul Mercadante and Darrin Hill held the opposition scoreless against their line. The defense with Bill Beauregard, Greg Daniels, Mike Santore and Joe Rondoletto continued to play solid.

Goalie Mike Augusti with just over 2 goals per game average continues to hold the hot hand, coming up with the big save when the team needs it.

Coaches for the squad are Richie Hill, Dave Quaglini and Ralph King.

MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HOCKEY ASSOCIATION SQUAD SPONSORED BY THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB include, back row from left; Coach Richie Hill, Dave Quaglini, Mike Santore, Craig Quaglini, Bill Beauregard, Jeff Hill, Pete Saliba and Coach Ralph King. Front row; Greg Daniels, Joe Rondoletto, Paul Mercadante, Mike Augusti, Ray Bronner, Darrin Hill. Absent from picture: John Bashonski.

Soccer - From Page 20...

Playing in the 19 and under league are Captain Tony Caputo, Mike Cormier, Ricky Costa, Davy Jenks, Billy O'Brien, Jim Podgorski, Carm Romeo, George Romeo and the team is coached by Bill O'Brien Sr.

The boys can be seen playing at the South End Community Center in Springfield on Saturday afternoons.

The Agawam Polish Club Girls under 16 team playing in the Pioneer Valley Indoor Soccer League had an exciting game that had the crowd on its feet in a 1-1 tie with a squad from the 16 Acres Lions.

Lisa Russell, the team's newest member, scored the only Agawam goal. The second half saw outstanding soccer as the ball was passed back and forth but Agawam and 16 Acres could not find the net to break the tie as time ran out.

The team members are: Darlene Amato, Peggy Foley, Chris McCarthy, Pam Marganti, Jennifer O'Brien, Tami Potter, Michele Quagalini, Pam Rowen, Lisa Russell, Missy Sullivan and Cari Szabla. The team is coached by Bill O'Brien. The girls play their games at Ludlow High School on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

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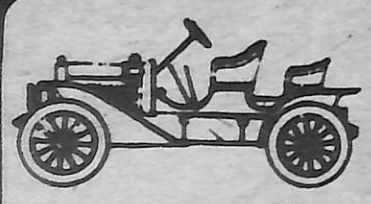
Agawam's Roadrunner Muffler Shop played their second game of the season against Chicopee. Agawam took the lead with two quick goals by George Romeo but Chicopee came back to score to close the gap in the first half.

The second half saw Chicopee take a 3-2 lead but Agawam didn't give up as Billy O'Brien and Tony Caputo put the locals ahead 4-3. With five seconds left in the game, Chicopee scored a dramatic tying goal and the Muffler Shop were denied their first win of the season.

Agawam Polish Club girls remained tied for first place with 16 Acres Lions with a 1-0 victory over Ludlow.

Scoring the only Agawam goal was Pam Rowen. Good defensive play by Michele Quaglini and the goaltending of Peggy Foley were keys to the victory.



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Chic Locks	1-2
Lions Club	0-2
Girls 11-14 League	
Gino's Package Store	3-0
Polish Club 1-0	3-0
E-Con-O Sales	2-1
Corner Package	1-2
J.W. Wimpy's	0-3
W.S. Fish & Game	0-3
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St. Theresa's	3-0
Pelley Construction	3-0
Chriscola Farms	3-0
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts	3-0
St. Anthony's	2-1
Elks 2174	1-2
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Butcher's Corner	0-3
Boys 13-15 League	
Aga. Police	3-0
Village Package	3-0
DePalma's	1-2
Village Lounge	1-2
Polish Club	1-2
Assoc. Air Freight	0-3

By Tom Lockwood

8-10 BOYS FEATURE GAME

In what started off to be a close game, Christy's Plumbing remained unbeated in surging past the Agawam Elks in Sunday's feature action.

The commanding Peter Vecchiarelli set the game's pace for the winners despite being doubled-covered. The Elks held Vecchiarelli and Christy's to only 15 first half points and tallied 12 of their own mainly from the hands of Ray Stone and Shawn Smith.

Sloppy fouls caused the Elks to resort to a basic zone defense in the second half which Vecchiarelli and company slowly pulled apart. A valiant try to knot things up was led by Smith. Vecchiarelli fouled out late in the fourth quarter.

Good defense hustle by Dom Morassi however, helped fight off the Elks comeback attempt. Elks coach Boo Smith had mixed feelings about the game, stating, "It was a tough task for us trying to hold Vecchiarelli down but our team showed good character against a heavily-favored opponent. Our team is improving each week and we're looking to our next game already."

10-12 BOYS FEATURE GAME

Paul Fetherston guided his squad to victory by commanding both the offensive and defensive boards against a game but overpowered Agawam Lions Club.

Fetherston, the league's top big man, was helped by teammates Dario Nardi, Dan Bryden and Jim Laudato. Grimaldi and Burzdak coach Tom Fetherston, observed following the contest, "We played an exciting game against a very young, but aggressive Agawam Lions Club who appeared to have a strong floor game. We took a lot of shots and tried to concentrate on driving up the middle."

Igniting the Lions Club were Ricky White, Steve Milliken and Chris Ollari. Despite several attempts at a comeback during the second half, the Lions Club just couldn't put things together. Russ Monroe and Paul Poole played solid and alert defense in a losing effort.

Lions Club coach Dave D'Amours credited the entire side with a "good effort." "We had a good practice before the game but today many of our shots wouldn't fall and we were not as aggressive on defense as a team and that hurt."

13-15 BOYS FEATURE GAME

The new stars in the 13-15 circuit, the Agawam Lions Club under the direction of Dave D'Amours, played another outstanding game Sunday, easily defeating the Associated Air Freight team.

The Lions Club are extremely strong in all areas of the game with exceptional talent under the boards in the likes of Eric Lunden and Dan Shaughnessy. The "Ice Man" of the league, Jeff Losito, completely controlled the middle and was a menacing figure for Air Freight under the glass.

Guards Alan D'Amours and Mike Butt helped run the strong offense and the club displayed an excellent bench. Newcomer Paul Scoville, the big man on last year's 10-12 champions, turned in a solid performance.

In two weeks the Lions Club will meet the undefeated Village Lounge for the league's "bragging rights" although D'Amours pointed out that his squad is taking things "week by week."

Leading the Associated Air Freight team were the brother combination of Jim and David Consolini and Dave Damatteo. Air Freight had problems trying to penetrate the Lions Club defense and were forced into a poor shot selection. The team put on a respectable showing and hustled throughout the Sunday afternoon contest.

8-10 GIRLS FEATURE GAME

Kristin Wing scored her first basket in Graphic Printing's come-from-behind victory. Also turning in a strong effort was Missy DesRosiers, Cathy Scaggs, and Jennifer Scaggs.

In a losing effort, Beth Whittaker, Alice Barston, Michele Bilodeau and Donna Grasso played a good defensive game for Agawam Lions.

11-14 GIRLS FEATURE GAME

Gino's Package came up victorious over E-Con-O-Sales in a well played game by Gino's. Amy Vacirca, Susan Fassnacht, Karen Tebaldi, Lisa Connor and Tonya Mercandate all turned in a fine job under the boards.

In defeat, Lois Carra, Lisa Kozel, Chrissy Letellier and Eileen Rego played well.

Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

It is predicted that within twenty years, fishing will be a thing of the past in Massachusetts. It is not a nutty statement. The state of Mass. is being rained to death - acid rain is the culprit.

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"Show us studies of what you say is true," comes from the party-oriented secretary. When studies have been shown on the death of lakes in Canada, New York, Vermont, and New Hampshire, they are treated skeptically and filed in the drawer marked "No proof that our plants are contributing to the acid rain build up."

The Russians do not have any industrial plants in the U.S.; somebody better get on the stick pretty soon.

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The State of New York is involved in a suit filed by Friends of Animals, an anti-hunting group. It is against the N.Y. Dept. of Environmental Conservation in an attempt to prohibit deer hunting in that state.

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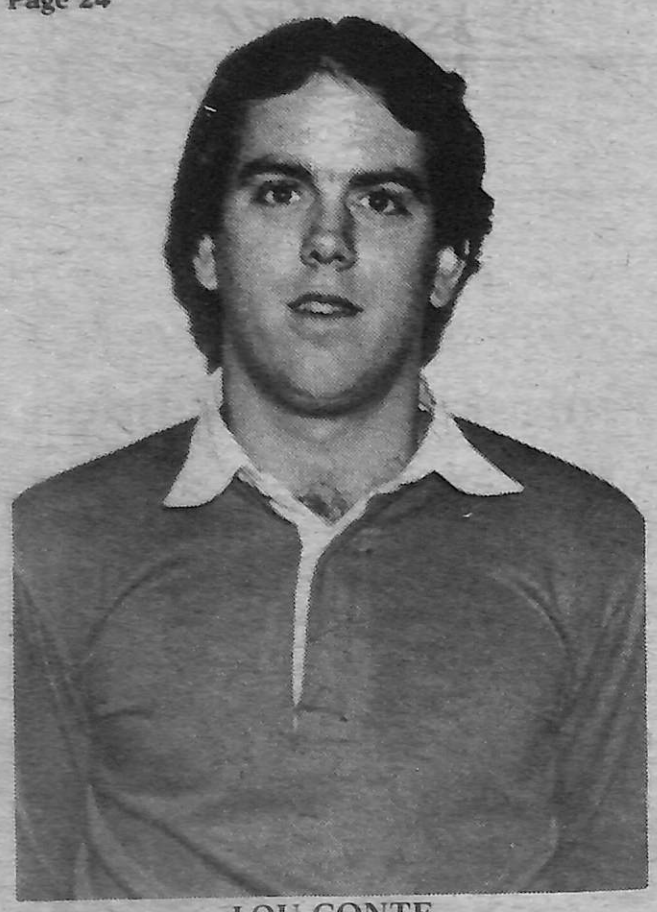

LOU CONTE

BILLY SAPELLI

CONTE & SAPELLI - *From Page 5...*

Asked about how he felt about coaching at such a young age, Conte responded, "I think being so young is an asset in coaching. The kids for the most part know what I did as a ballplayer and they respect me for it."

"I have great communication with my players." He did say, however (with that boyish grin), "My first year in coaching I can remember on more than one occasion the referee asking me before the game if the coach was around. I would point to another area in the gym and say 'there he is, over there'," he laughed.

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As for Sapelli, the 28 year old coach, now in his fifth season behind the bench for Brownie' hockey, success in nothing new.

Sapelli has led the Brownies into the playoffs in three of his four previous seasons. He graduated from AHS in 1972 and from St. Anselms College (Manchester, New Hampshire) with a degree in Business and Economics in 1976. He is a science teacher at the Junior High School.

He is a former all league baseball player and all-Western Mass. hockey player while at AHS. Sapelli also played football. He scored 60 goals and 65 assists in his hockey career at AHS.

He further enhanced his hockey aspirations with the Junior A Nashua Maple Leafs while in college. Sapelli was also the captain of his college baseball team in 1975 and 1976. He was a centerfielder/first baseman.

Sapelli directed the Brownies to a Western Mass. title in his very first year as head coach when the Brownies were in Division II. Agawam was 16-5-1 that year (1977-78). The following season was the only one where Sapelli's troops didn't make the playoffs and finished 10-8 in the top flight Berry Division.

Agawam was 11-6-2 the following year and 12-6 last season. Agawam is currently in second place this winter with a 5-5-1 record.

Coaching is very satisfying for me," said Sapelli. "I really enjoy helping the kids succeed. It gives me great self satisfaction. I always have a great bunch of kids each year and that really helps. Coaching the team is like having a family with 21 members."

Although Sapelli usually receives the headlines for Agawam's success, he is quick to point out the importance of assistant coach Bill Morrissey.

"Bill has really been a big help to me over the years," said Sapelli. "We've been through quite a bit together since I began coaching here. I couldn't have done it without him. He's been great." Sapelli was commander of the Brownie helm at the tender age of 22 and said the players "had a difficult time accepting us because both Bill and I were so young." (Morrissey was also 22).

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Sapelli says his most memorable moments behind the bench came when 1978 AHS graduate Ronnie Dutton and 1981 graduate Vin Masi were selected as Bessone trophy winners, symbolic of the best schoolboy hockey players in Western Mass.

Another big moment for Sapelli was in the Western Mass. finals against Chicopee in his rookie season. With the locals trailing 4-2 with just over a minute remaining in the game, they scored three dramatic goals, with the winner coming with just 13 seconds left on the regulation clock.

"That was the most exciting game I've ever been involved in," he fondly recalled. "When we scored the two goals to tie the game I knew we would win it in regulation."

In addition to coaching hockey, Sapelli is also assistant varsity footbal coach and junior varsity baseball coach for AHS.

"When coaching is not fun anymore I'll give it up but right now I'm having a lot of fun doing something I really enjoy."

Lou Conte and Bill Sapelli: two local boys who are making good and have brought the winning traditions of their days at AHS with them at the gym and on the ice.

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